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Independence for Bank of England

Brown raises interest rates then yields control of them

AND ALASDAIR MURRAY

GORDON BROWN surrendered the power to set interest rates to the Bank of England yesterday in a surprise move designed to prove Labour's determination to

The Chancellor announced one of the biggest changes in economic policy-making this century moments after raising the base rate a quarter point to 6.25 per cent.

It was to be his first and last interest rate pronouncement, he said, as he explained that future decisions were to be taken out of politicians' hands to prevent them seeking shortterm popularity with the

The decision delighted the City, sending both the pound and the stock market to new highs. The FT-SE 100 index cleared 4,500 for the first time, closing up 53.7 at 4,519.3, and the pound touched a post-ERM record, rising more than 2½ prennigs to DM2.8202.

Traders were surprised at the speed and scale of the reforms, but they said they boded well for Mr. Brown's reputation and went some way to achieving his stated aim of being an "iron chancelior". The interest rate r also widely applauded in the City, which has become increasingly concerned about the speed of economic growth.

Explaining his decision yesterday, Mr Brown said that the higher rate was necessary to stop inflation overshooting the Government's 2.5 per cent target next year. Economic forecasts had shown that there was a threat from increased consumer spending, surging house prices, higher earnings and the growing money supply. Aides suggested that Treasury figures showed that inflation could be nearer 4 per cent by the end of next year.



Gordon Brown yesterday: "time for tough decisions"

But the main focus of yesterday's announcement was the decision to give the Bank of England effective independence. Although Mr Brown and Tony Blair had been working on the idea for some time, they had never suggested that it would happen in the

From next month, Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England, and a ninemember committee will determine interest rates to meet an inflation target set by the Covernment.

The new monetary policy committee will include four people appointed by the Chancellor, one of whom will be a second deputy governor to join Howard Davies, the existing deputy governor. Gavyn Davies, chief international economist at Goldman Sachs, is the favourite for the post. Two more members with threeyear contracts will be appointed by Mr George and the committee will set interest

rates by majority vote.

The Prime Minister, who planned the announcement with Mr Brown on Sunday night, was said to regard the move as "the biggest decision in economic policy-making tant signal that Labour would govern in the way it promised. It was a bold, decisive act of leadership that showed we will not shirk from any decision that will help the longterm prosperity of Britain". Downing Street said.

Mr Brown told his Treasury press conference: This is the time to take the tough decisions we need for the long-term interests and the prosperity of the country. We will not shrink from the tough decisions needed to deliver stability for long-term growth. I have therefore decided to give the Bank of England

setting interest rates, with immediate effect."

Although the changes take place immediately, they will be backed by a short Bill next month. The Chancellor will have powers to override the Bank in exceptional circumstances -- for example if war breaks out — but in most cases, including a run on the pound. Mr George and his committee would take full responsibility for any emergency changes in interest

Mr Brown vigorously denied that the move marked the first step to signing up to a single European currency, saying the reform was "a British solution to suit British domestic needs". It was still highly unlikely that the Government would adopt the euro in 1999, and further legislation would be needed to meet the blueprint for independent cen-tral banks outlined in the Maastricht criteria.

Under those terms the Bank would have to have the power to set inflation targets, which at the moment remains in the Chancellor's hands.

While the move was welcomed in the City, it was immediately attacked by Mr Brown's predecessor, Kenneth odds with Mr George over whether rates needed to rise. He said they would now almost certainly go up.

"I wouldn't have made this interest rate rise for a start because nothing economically has changed since I last decided not to." Mr Clarke told BBC Radio 5 Live. Mr Brown had rushed to hand over responsi-Continued on page 2, col 6

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Opening the door to independence at the Bank of England yesterday

Lesson taught by Labour Down Under

By OLIVER AUGUST

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LABOUR'S plan for the Bank of England was modelled on the reform of the New Zealand Reserve Bank which turned a chronically inflation-prone economy into one of the best managed in the world.

The central bank was granted independence by New Zealand's Labour Government in 1989 and Don Brash, the governor, was put on performance-related pay. His task is to keep inflation under 3per cent to maintain his salary. If prices shoot up he could even lose his job.

Inflation was at 14 per cent when the reform was proposed and has stayed within the target range of zero to 2 per cent for most of the 1990s. Interest rates have been re-

As part of economic reforms that influenced the thinking of Tony Blair and his colleagues. Mr Brash was given a contract which sets targets for inflation and price stability.

Interest rates and other monetary matters are set by the central bank without interference but outside advisers from industry, finance and universities are consulted.

The sovereignty of parliament is preserved and the Government has the right to override the price stability objectives in an emergency. The independent Federal Reserve in America and the Bundesbank in Germany operate in federations with states having representatives on their boards. In 1989, George Blunden, then deputy governor of the Bank of England. said central bankers look at Mr Brash "not only with envy but also with awe".

Hague-Howard pact collapses ministers, including Francis Maude, David Maclean and

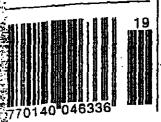


why haven't you got a ministerial appointment?"

Frontier talks

British exemption from a frontier-free Europe emerged in outline during negotiations in Brussels yesterday for the revamped European Union Page 12

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By Philip Webster and ANDREW PIERCE WILLIAM HAGUE will enter

the race for the Tory leadership today after pulling out of a pact with Michael Howard under which he would have run as the former Home Secretary's deputy.
The former Welsh Secretary will announce his challenge

after abandoning a deal in which he would have campaigned with Mr Howard on a "dream ticket". His move provoked acrimony at the top of the party only four days after John Major stood down. The two men were reported by Mr Howard's friends to have sealed an agreement over a glass of champagne late on Monday night. Arrangements had even been made for

press conference yesterday, it was said. Mr Hague's supporters saw it differently. They said that Mr Howard had misunderstood Mr Hague's position

them to appear together at a

never been final. Mr Hague, they said, had left scope for further discussion the next morning, when he did indeed tell Mr Howard that he was going to make his own challenge. It was clear last night. however, that Mr Hague re-

gretted what had happened. The former Home Secre-tary, who had hoped to have Mr Hague by his side, went ahead with his own leadership campaign launch at which he was backed by several senior MPs and former ministers.

While trying to concentrate on his pitch for the Tory top job, repeatedly promising that he would "lead from the front". Mr Howard said that he and Mr Hague had agreed a joint bid. "An agreement was reached with Mr Hague. He had second thoughts. He was perfectly entitled to have second thoughts," he said.

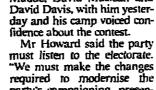
The dispute delighted the camps of two other rightwing candidates, John Redwood, who also made his pitch for

Lilley, whose team were claiming increasing support, including possibly that of Gillian Shephard. Stephen Dorrell is likely to enter the

contest today. Mr Hague's decision was an obvious blow to Mr Howard. The "dream ticket", combining the supporters of both men, would have been hard to stop. But Mr Howard had an impressive array of former



At odds: William Hague, left, and Michael Howard



party's campaigning, presen-tation and publicity." He put himself forward as the man who could again do battle with "his old sparring partner"



faced when the Prime Minister was Shadow Home Secretary and Employment Secretary. "I have a clear sense of purpose. I have developed and driven forward imaginative, popular and successful policies. I will lead a united party from the front."

Mr Redwood said his two years on the back benches after his last challenge gave him the advantage because he would not have to defend old policies. The others will have to explain how they stayed there defending those policies to the hitter end." he said and he insisted that he wanted to keep the Conservative Party as

a "broad church". He added: "The problem is that we don't have enough worshippers at the moment. We have to find a lot more and we won't do that by only having one issue and one theme.

families do not want him to suffer the

death penalty but hope instead that he

will be sentenced to life imprisonment

Defence lawyers, capital punish-

ment experts and law professors have

all denounced the pursuit of the death

penalty in such cases. They said the

draconian sentence would open the

way to capital prosecutions for crimes

traditionally not seen as severe enough

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Drunk driver facing execution over women's death

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

FOR the first time in America a man may be executed for drunk driving. Thomas Jones, 39, has been convict-

ed of first degree murder over the death of two 19-year-old woman students, who died when his car ploughed into theirs last year while he was high on painkillers and beer. A jury in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, was yesterday deciding if he

should be sentenced to death. The case, the clearest illustration yet of America's growing intolerance of drunk driving, is being watched closely

throughout the country. Similar cases are pending in other parts of North Carolina and Kentucky. People who drive drunk and recklessly can kill people just as much as they can kill them with a gun or a knife. Vincent Rabil, the assistant district

Jones had been taking various painkillers for more than 16 years since he lost part of his left leg in a lawnmower accident. Arrested on three other occasions, he has been convicted twice on charges of driving while unfit to do so. In the third case, still pending, he almost hit a deputy sheriff's car after taking pills with beer chasers.

Jones apologised in court to the students' parents and said he was "sorry somebody had to die". The two

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Brown will have to stick to his guns after flying start

NOTHING that Gordon Brown is likely to do as Chancellor will have as much lasting importance as his decision to make the Bank of England operationally responsible

for setting interest rates. At a stroke, Mr Brown has removed one of past Labour governments' main areas of vulnerability. the doubts of City markets about their commitment to low inflation. However, as Eddie George, the Bank Governor, noted, monetary and fiscal policy have to be compatible, so Mr Brown will have to deliver on his pledge to be tough on

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"the biggest decision in economic policy making since the War". It certainly puts into perspective the Lilliputian manoeuvrings of the Tory leadership contenders.

In a delightful irony, the decision was criticised by Kenneth Clarke for being likely to produce "tighter monetary policy" than otherwise and was praised by Norman Lamont for promising "sound money". Labour governments have often been criticised by the Left for ending up - usually after financial crises - as the bankers' friends. But

from this position and given itself greater freedom to manoeuvre. It was very much Mr Brown's

intitiative, nurtured over the past two years, and builds on Mr Clarke's decision to make monetary policy more open. Labour's statements in opposition had been ambiguous on timing, partly, it now looks, to avoid pre-election criticism. Mr Brown was persuaded of the need to act now by the pre-election differences between Mr Clarke and the Bank and by discussions in Washington. Mr Blair accepted the

four" (John Prescott and Robin Cooks agreed on Sunday evening. The rest of the Cabinet was consulted yesterday morning, though this hardly gave time for anyone to

object.

The decision has enormous constitutional implications. The traditional objection has been that giving the Bank responsibility for interest rates undermines accountability to Parliament. As Mr Clarke said yesterday: "It won't be good enough for him to turn round and say. 'It's not my responsibility any more, guy. I've handed over control to this committee. You must go and complain to them if they get it wrong'."

Bank will operate within economic objectives and, in particular, an inflation target that is set by the Government.

The new monetary policy commitee will be largely nominated by the Chancellor, though to be credible its members will have, in Mr Brown's phrase, to be "recognised experts". The discussions, and any votes, will be made public. The Bank will also report on an enhanced basis to the Treasury Select Committee, which recommended similar arrangements to those that are now being

The only bigger decision that Mr Brown might make is to recom-

mend entry into a single currency though he repeated that it was "highly unlikely" that Britain would join in a first wave in 1999. Yesterday's decision leaves open either option. It removes control of interest rates from politicians, though further legislation would be required on the Bank's status before entry into monetary union. Operational independence for the Bank will, however, reassure the markets.

Mr Brown has got off to a flying

start as Chancellor.

which might have become unsettled

ahead of a decision on monetary

PETER RIDDELL

gerating when he claimed it was the Blair Government has started Reform drafted on the last lap of election victory

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE letter to Eddie George iately to stop inflation breachoutlining Gordon Brown's give the Bank of England independence over interest rates was drafted in a London hotel on a laptop computer 36 hours before Labour won the election. Gordon Brown and Ed

Balls, his economic adviser, put the final touches to the proposals on Mr Balls' computer last Wednesday as the polls suggested that Labour was heading for a landslide

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The idea had been conceived two years earlier when Mr Balls, then aged 28, presented a paper to Tony Blair and Mr Brown suggesting the Bank should set interest rates.

On Friday, Mr Brown moved swiftly. Within hours of celebrating Labour's win at the Festival Hall and being appointed Chancellor, Mr Brown went to the Treasury. He told Terry Burns, the Permanent Secretary, of his plans and showed him the draft letter to the Governor.

That announced bluntly: "The Government intends to give the Bank of England operational responsibility for setting interest rates. The Government plans to provide in the Queen's Speech for legislation to amend the Bank of

England Act 1946." Mr Burns' officials worked overnight and through the weekend to get the necessary paperwork together to announce the most sweeping reform of the Bank of England for 300 years. Mr Brown and his advisers spent the weekend combing the Treasury books, to assess the real state of the nation's finances.

By Sunday the Chancellor realised that "corrective action" had to be taken immeding the Government's target of 25 per cent. Government sources said yesterday that it looked as if inflation was heading for nearer 4 per cent by the end of next year. He decided then that the changes to allow the Bank of England to set interest rates should be

announced at once. On Sunday night, Mr Brown went to see the Prime Minister at his home in Islington. Mr Brown and Mr Blair consulted John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, and Robin Cook, the Foreign Sec-

Early bird

Gordon Brown has established a cracking pace at the Treasury, arriving for work by 7am. Meetings start as early as 7.30am and he met Eddie George yesterday at 8am. Kenneth Clarke, his predecessor, usually met Mr George in the afternoons or late morning but would normally be in the office before 8.30am.

retary, by telephone and then agreed that the announcement should be made on Tuesday. On Monday the Chancellor

asked Mr George to a meeting at the Treasury at 9am the following morning. Mr George had no prior knowledge of the impending bombshell. Although Mr Brown and Mr Blair had discussed reforms of the Bank of England on several occasions with Mr George over the last two months, the Governor had no idea of the speed with which the Chancellor would act. He was told that the

planned monthly meeting be-

tween the Chancellor and Mr George would take place as usual but be brought loward one day, to Tuesday May 6, to agree any interest rate changes. Mr Brown wanted to be seen as the Iron Chancellor prepared to take tough "corrective" action. From then on the Bank of England would be given the freedom to set interest rates. Mr George was sworm to secrecy.

At 8am yesterday, morning the Press Association and other news wires were told only that the meeting with Eddie George had been brought forward. Speculation abounded about an interest rate rise. At the same time other Cabinet members were phoned to be told about the impending announcement and Mr Cook and Mr Prescott saw Mr Blair at Downing

Reporters were then "locked in" at the Treasury until llam. when Mr Brown declared that interest rates would go up by 0.25 per cent and that he intended to make the Bank of England independent with immediate effect.

The plan had been plotted for over four years. In 1993 Gordon Brown presented a policy document. A new Economic Approach, to the party conference which suggested that the Bank of England should be reformed to make it more representative and accountable. In the spring of 1995 Ed Balls drafted his paper for Mr Blair and Mr Brown going one step further and suggesting that the Bank should have operational responsibility for interest rates.

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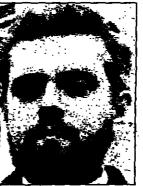
City waits to give its final verdict on Chancellor's sweeping reforms

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

THE City will give a final verdict on Gordon Brown's sweeping reforms when the names of the members of the new monetary policy committee and the second deputygeneral are disclosed in the

Some critics have expressed concern that the new posts might attract only second-rate economists or political appointees although they are broadly in favour of the

shake-up of monetary policy. Gavyn Davies, chief inter-national economist at Goldman Sachs, is the hot tip for the new position of second deputy. Mr Davies, a former member of the Treasury's Panel of Independent Economic Advisers, refused to comment yesterday on specuer of the new set-up. He is



Gavyn Davies: tipped as the second deputy

respected in the City for his pragmatic approach to the

linked with the Labour Party since he served in the policy unit at No 10 in the dying days of the Callaghan government, while Sue Nve his wife is

head of Mr Brown's office. It is expected that he would also be a strong candiate for Governor when Eddie George's contract runs out in a year's time. But Mr Davies will face stiff competition from his namesake Howard Davies, the former head of the CBI, who has three years on his contract as deputy-gover-

The monetary policy committee is expected to be staffed with City and academic economists. Bridget Rosewell, di-rector of Business Strategies and another former member of Mr Clarke's panel, would bring strong business and regional expertise having prenously worked for the CBI. If Mr Brown fears that the Bank maintains too hawkish an attitude towards inflation he could turn to Roger Bootle, head of economics at HSBC, who is the author of a book on

the death of inflation. Andrew Sentance, director of the centre for economic forecasting at the London Business School, has also won respect for his pragmatic approach to monetary policy.

But there is concern that Labour will have trouble attracting highly paid City economists - even if City-style salaries are to be paid by the

Some candidates might also feel the job description too limiting, although Gavyn Davies said yesterday that with the monetary policy committee taking direct responsi-bility there should be no shortage of takers for the new posts.

Academics may be more attracted to the post as it would leave open the chance of carrying on with nonconflicting work such as theoretical research and lecturing.

Staff at GCHQ set to rejoin unions

Half the workforce at GCHO, the Government's signals intelligence centre, is expected to re-apply for membership of a national trade union, following an expected announcement by the Labour Government next week that the ban on unions is to be lifted.

Union membership at the eavesdropping centre at Chel-tenham in Gloucestershire was banned by the Conservatives in 1984. Its reinstatement will be one of the first policy decisions implemented by Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary. Following discussions held by Mr Cook, officials at the intelligence centre are expecting certain safeguards from the Government to guarantee that operations will be uninterrupted. It is not clear yet whether that will amount to a no-strike deal.

School that failed may be revived

Hackney Downs School for Boys, in east London, which was shut 18 months ago after a "hit squad" of governmentappointed experts said standards were so low it could not be saved, may be revived as a mixed comprehensive for 600

Hackney council, faced with a shortage of school places from the year 2000, last night considered a £4 million plan to reopen the school.

Immunisation cash plea

Compensation for children suffering permanent damage through immunisation must be raised substantially above the current £30,000 maximum award, the British Medical Association said. Launching a campaign to persuade parents to have children immunised, Dr Simon Fradd praised the success of vaccines and said that the one-in-a-million risk to a child of severe, permanent disability was worth taking.

Sharp rise in Grugs bill tor old

One in ten elderly patients is admitted to hospital because of adverse reactions to drugs and many still take prescriptions that are no longer suitable, a report for the Royal College of Physicians claims. The medicine bill for the elderly accounted for 45 per cent of the £2.25 billion rise between 1985 and 1995. Total prescriptions for them rose from 125 million to 194 million over the same period.

Prince welcomed in Belfast

The Prince of Wales received a rapturous welcome in Belfast when he flew in for a gala concert, featuring Dame Kiri te Kanawa, to mark the open-ing of the Waterfront Hall. Hundreds of people cheered and waved Union flags as the Prince went on a walkabout in the loyalist Village area of Belfast. He visited the Windsor Women's Centre in the Village area, which was firebombed by loyalists last year.

Spain extradites 'supergrass'

A supergrass who says he is owed £1 million in reward money was arrested by Spanish drugs investigators working with British Customs against an international cannabis ring. In 1992 Brian Charrington, then a Middles-brough car dealer, escaped a £250 million cocaine trafficking charge by Customs after police intervened. Last night plans were underway for his extradition to Britain.

The 300-year-old lady who has seen it all

By Jon Ashworth

WITH its pink-coated footmen and marble halls, the Bank of England belongs to another era. Visitors are led through hushed corridors, with the occasional glimpse of the central courtyard where the Governor is inclined to take the air. Electronic screens provide the only tangible link with the fast-paced world of financial trading.
The Bank was incorporated

by Act of Parliament in 1694 with the immediate aim of raising funds to allow the Government to wage war in the Low Countries. It did the same during the

Napoleonic Wars a century later, by which time it had developed into the nation's largest and most prestigious financial institution. Dubbed "The Old Lady of Threadneedle Street", and privately owned until 1946, when it was nationalised, the Bank came to the fore in the 19th century, when it gradually assumed the responsibilities

of a central bank. It was recognised as the central note-issuing authority under the Bank Charter Act of 1844, and embraced the roles of lender of last resort and guardian of the nation's gold reserves. "Safe as the Bank of England" swiftly entered the

Safe, perhaps, but not immune from strife. One of the Bank's most excruciating moments came in March 1995. when the then deputy governor, Rupert Pennant-Rea, resigned in the wake of kiss-andtell disclosures by a former

Bank insiders still refer to the "scene of the crime" supposedly marked in chalk in a dressing room used by

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Old Lady of Threadneedle Street: early cartoon

Eddie George. Inevitable references to the "Bonk of England" were swift. Howard Davies, who succeeded Mr Pennant-Rea. found himself in a world

where concierges are called

footmen, and rooms are

known as parlours. In an interview last October, he said: "It might be slightly odd that when you come to a meeting to discuss monetary policy, there is a man with a pink coat who's making sure everybody's there, and tea and This, he was swift to add, in no way implied that the Bank was out of touch with the times. This was the thrust last December, when an all-party committee of MPs laid into the Bank over its handling of the Barings debacle. The MPs attacked its failure to coordinate the regulation of Barings, and said there was a question of "too many cooks". They described the Bank as a cheerleader for the City", and suggested that it was too close to the institutions it is called on to regulate.

The Bank reshuffled its senior management shortly ifterwards, handing responsibility for overall financial structure to Alastair Clark, a lifelong Bank of England employee. Peter Rodgers, a financial journalist, was brought in to head the press office - a role once reputedly offered to Lawrence of Arabia.

Independent Bank

Continued from page 1 bility for monetary policy to the Governor of the Bank of England and his committees.

"I think he has made a mistake. Obviously in the national interest I trust they get it right. What you are going to see, undoubtedly, is tighter monetary policy than you might otherwise have got from a perfectly responsible Chancellor of the Exchequer who is prepared to take the broadest possible view of what is in the interests of British industry and commerce and the people who work in it." Norman Lamont, however,

congratulated Mr Brown. This should have been done long ago. He deserves credit for this early brave move. The people of this country are entitled to sound money," the former Conservative Chancellor said. "Interest rates should not be in the hands of politi-

cians who are subject of all kinds of presurres. The credibility of policy will be in-creased by this move. It is a good day." The move was also wel-

comed by the CBI, which said it would enhance the credibility of British monetary policy and lower the cost of finance for industry, and by Stephen Alambritis of the Federation of Small Businesses, who said the Bank was better placed than politicians to guage business needs. The City remained con-

cerned, however, about the mini-Budget expected in July and about Mr Brown's ability to meet the spending targets inherited from Mr Clarke. Mr George said that yester-

day's interest rate rise was essential to keep a check on the economy and he expressed hopes that the new Chancellor would also take a tough line

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Boxing champion inflicted fearful damage on guest, court told



Benn: denies assault

THE former world boxing champion Nigel Benn inflicted such "fearful damage" to a fellow nightclub guest by hitting him in the face with a glass ashtray that his victim believed he was going to die, a court

was told yesterday.

Raymond Sullivan, 33, needed 105 stitches in his nose after he was allegedly attacked without provocation by Benn in a West End nightclub last September. Paul Dodgson, for the prosecution, told Middlesex Guildhall Crown Court "Mr Sullivan heard the sound of

the front of his face.

"It seems that it was caused by a fist wielding something like an

"Mr Sullivan fell to the floor and felt as if he was drowning. He was on the floor on his knees and all he could feel was excruciating pain to his face. He felt he was going to die. He didn't see who it was who had done this to him."

Each time the victim tried to struggle to his knees, he was allegedly kicked back down by the ex-super middleweight titleholder,

breaking glass and the next thing he knew was a crunching pain to the front of his face. who was described by one witness as looking "really angry" and "gritting his teeth" during the

Mr Dodgson said that witnesses at Legends Nightelub then saw Mr Benn kick Mr Sullivan. 33, leaving his legs black and blue, before he was pulled away by bouncers in Legends nightclub in Mayfair. The boxer allegedly ran off into the

The jury was shown photographs of the injuries which were taken by the surgeon who operated on Mr Sullivan at University College Hospital to repair internal and external

ticket agent who knew Mr Benn. was likely to be scarred for life. The court was told Mr Benn and

Mr Sullivan had been sitting at different tables in what is known as the VIP area of the nightclub when for some reason the boxer attacked Mr Sullivan.

Mr Dodgson told the jury of four women and eight men that Mr Sullivan, a regular customer at the club, had been drinking in its VIP area and had had about three vodka and oranges when he saw some friends outside trying to get

Benn, who was seated at a nearby table. Although they knew each other, not a word passed between them. The next thing he knew was a crunching pain to the front of his face, and it seems from other witnesses that that crunching pain was caused by a fist wielding something like an ashtray in it. said Mr Dodgson.

"Mr Sullivan fell to the floor. He felt like he was drowning. He couldn't seem to breathe. He tried to get up but all he could recollect was being knocked back down. "He couldn't see anything. All he

could feel was the excruciating pain. He thought wrongly but perhaps understandably that he was going to die."

Mr Sullivan was led to the kitchen area of the nightclub, his face streaming with blood, and he believed he had been blinded in the

Mr Benn, also 33, of Beckenham, Kent, denies wounding Mr Sullivan last September with intent to do him grievous bodily harm. He also pleads not guilty to a lesser, alternative allegation of unlawful wounding.

The trial continues today.

Attack 'halted by kick' from woman, 75, who was inspiration for Bond secretary

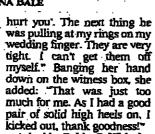
How Miss Moneypenny brought a mugger to heel

THE woman who was the inspiration for Ian Fleming's Miss Moneypenny demon-strated an old-fashioned move in self-defence when she was confronted by a mugger as she tried to get out of her car, a court was told yesterday. The robbery came to a swift end after a well-aimed kick with a high-heeled shoe.

Victoire, Lady Ridsdale, was an assistant to the James Bond author in intelligence during the war. In the Bond spy ? novels. Miss Moneypenny was the long-time secretary to the security chief M. and James Bond's verbal sparring partner.

Now 75, Lady Ridsdale was with her husband, Sir Julian, 81, a former Conservative MP, when they were ambushed by two men as they arrived at their home in The Boltons. Kensington, after an evening

She told Southwark Crown Court: "I put my hand up to get out of the car and the first thing I knew was that my watch had been snatched off. He was right on top of me standing over me. He said: Just make it easy for me or I'll



Asked by Robin Griffith, for the prosecution, if she made contact, she replied: Yes, I think so. He pulled back then. I kicked him in the groin and

he doubled up in pain." Counsel told the jury: "She may be of retirement age, but she was not prepared to submit to the indignity with-out response. She leant back, raised her right leg and kicked the intruder in a place where it appeared to hurt."

She said that after she kicked her attacker, her disabled husband and his assistant, Peter Bennett, who hadalso been in the car, began calling out for their grandson. Rupert, who lived near by. The robbers, worried by the commotion, fled.

Two men arrested minutes later by uniformed police deny conspiracy to rob on January

> Kellaway: claimed promotion blocked

Detective Superintendent

Peter Hanks, who is alleged to

have written offensive reports

Miss Walsh, who left the

Metropolitan force in Decem-

ber 1995 for medical reasons

after withdrawing a claim of sexual harassment, said she had supported WPC Kellaway

in her action for 17 months until April this year. She added that WPC Kellaway

had said no one would be safe

at the hearing "because she was taking the knile and she

aware of the alleged threats.

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have reached this stage."

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on her personal file.



Sir Julian Ridsdale: "It's her Irish blood"

 They are Christopher Wynter, 18, unemployed, of West Hampstead, north London, and David Stephenson, an office junior, of Alexandra Palace, north London, who is alleged to have attacked Lady Ridsdale.

Miss Ridsdale told the court: "I did not see enough of the man to identify him. He was fairly stocky and wearing a crash helmet with a visor." She said she still suffered pain from the attack, during which her gold watch was stolen. A gold watch was found discarded near by.

"My shoulder and arm hurt

does. My watch had gone before I was even aware of it. It is an an unusual piece. I don't know how much it is

Sir Julian, who walks with the aid of a stick, was MP for Harwich for 38 years. He said he had been powerless to help his wife because he was unable to get out of the car. He told the court: "I don't know if it's her Irish blood, but when she is attacked, she attacks back. She opened the door and kicked out at him very hard.

"He grabbed my wife's finger and was trying to pull off her rings. It is very unpleasant when you can't do anything. He uttered threats to both of us. He wanted us to be quiet and just let him get on with stealing my wife's rings and be assaulted. We had to take action to frighten him." The trial continues.

☐ The family have had brushes with crime in the past. In 1964. Sir Julian and his daughter, Penelope, traded punches with two men who tried to rob them in the street outside their Kensington home. They sold their country home in Essex in 1988 after



Lady Ridsdale yesterday. She said: "I had a good pair of solid high heels on'

Scientist is jailed for abducting daughter

By SHIRLEY ENGLISH

SCOTTISH scientist was jailed for six months by a Norwegian court yesterday after he admitted abducting his four-year-old daughter during a dispute with her

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mother over visiting rights.

Dr Mark Burkitt, 34, a prominent bio-chemist and cancer research specialist based in Aberdeen, will only serve a month in jail as four months of the sentence were suspended and he has already spent 31 days in custody.

He pleaded guilty on Monday to abducting the child. Emma, from his former wife's home in Grimstad, southern Norway, during an access visit in February this year.

He used his ex-wife's car to drive his daughter to Oslo airport and flew with her to Amsterdam and Germany. sparking an international earch. Last month he gave himself up in Berlin.

Biorg Knutsson, 29, his former wife, was granted custody of Emma at Aberdeen Sheriff Court two years ago. but the couple have continued to argue over visiting rights. Dr Burkittsaid he took his daughter to call attention to the unfairness of his access rights and to highlight the plight of fathers everywhere.

WPC threatened Safety fears to kill her chief, sex bias case told Atlantic trip

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A WOMAN police officer threatened to murder her chief constable and to recruit thugs to break the legs of another senior colleague, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday. WPC Kay Keliaway alleged-

ly made the threats to a friend after her case for sexual discrimination was adjourned part-heard earlier this year. She had claimed that promotion had been blocked by

male officers, that one had called her a "whore", "bitch" and "slag", and that another had said that she was "taking jobs from the boys" when promoted to acting sergeant. Siobhan Walsh, 30, herself a former police officer, yesterday told the resumed hearing at Reading, Berkshire, that WPC Kellaway had made the

threats last month in a telephone call to her. "She said to me she was going to kill the chief constable. She kept repeating this. She said she had been to the village where he lives and there were only IS houses. I felt I should inform the Thames Valley Police so they could prevent Kay from doing any-

thing against the chief constable. Kay was saying the chief constable had ruined her life." Miss Walsh said that WPC Kellaway also threatened to recruit friends of her boyfriend to break the legs of



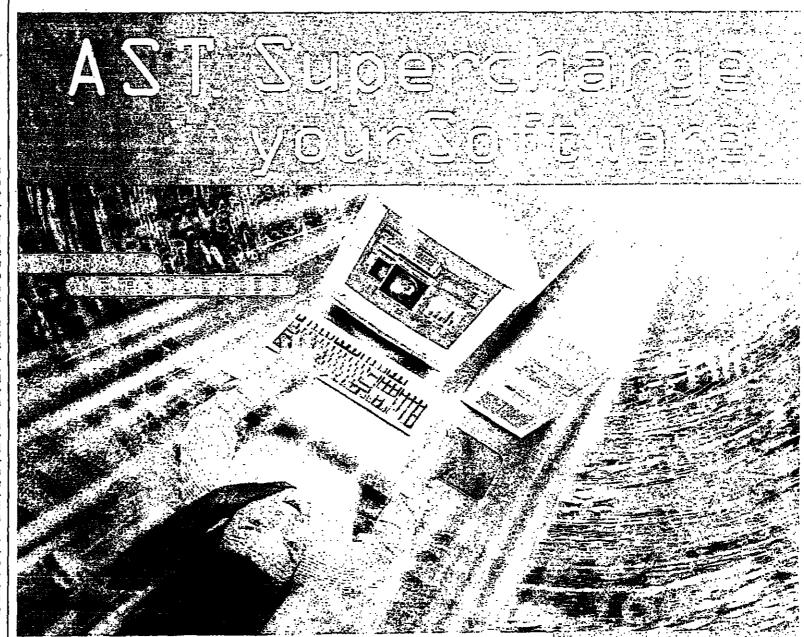
ridean galley powered by oars and a single square sail is to defy the advice of marine experts by recreating a 1,200-mile Viking voyage across the north Atlantic.

The 40ft open wooden vessel is expected to encounter ice floes and stormy seas on its journey from Inverness to Cape Farewell on the southern tip of Greenland when it sets

sail this month. In 1992 the Aileach caused a major sea rescue after its rudder smashed in high seas 60 miles west of Orkney on a voyage to the Faeroe Isles. One of its crew was knocked unconscious and it had to be towed into Strom Ness by a

Yesterday Nick Parker, 45, a language lecturer at Bangor University who has organised the voyage, said he was confident the galley was "as safe as any other boat". It had all the tion and modern navigational equipment to cope with emergencies. The Maritime Safety Agen-

After the hearing was adcy in Aberdeen expressed serijourned yesterday, Thames ous reservations about the trip Valley Police said it was and said it would be inspecting the vessel this week to see whether safety constraints Miss Kellaway's health and could be imposed on the deeply regret that matters ground that the voyage was



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Pay protest that sank an admiral

By Dareh Gregorian

dismissed harbourmaster because of his "inappropriate" behaviour. an industrial tribunal ruled yesterday. Admiral Tim England, 55, had refused to hand over accounts to Hampshire County Council when he was

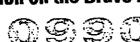
refused a £6,000 pay rise. The Admiral served on HMS Invincible in the Falklands with Prince Andrew before he took the job of harbourmaster on the River Hamble, Hampshire, which he said was "small beer" compared to his naval responsibilities. He left his £60,000 a year naval position for the £30,000 harbourmaster job to spend more time with his wife and two children. But he

A RETIRED Rear Admiral angered managers after requesting to close the harbour office two days a week because of understaffing.

The tribunal was told that the harbour authority chairman Patrick Allan told the Admiral not to treat the job "like the Battle of the Nile."

After refusing to supply end-of-year accounts, he was dismissed last June over an "irretrievable breakdown in working relationships." The Admiral claimed unfair dismissal on health and safety grounds, but the Southampton tribunal chairman Neil Jenkinson said: "The Admiral had behaved in a manner which it was reasonable of his employer to conclude was totally inappropriate."

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BBC wasn't young enough, says head lured to Channel 4

By CAROL MIDGLEY, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL JACKSON, the BBCI chief chosen to succeed Michael Grade as the chief executive of Channel 4, yesterday accused his former employer of neglecting women, the young, and viewers outside southern England.

Mr Jackson, 30, who is still tipped as a future Director-General of the BBC, said that a failure to cater properly for large chunks of the population was one of its biggest weaknesses. At Channel 4, he said, he wanted to encourage talent and innovation, and would defend "programmes that are rude, as long as they are good shows". He also indicated that he was willing to sacrifice popular but expensive US shows such as Friends and ER

if the price became too high.

The son of a Cheshire baker,
Mr Jackson takes up his new
job next month on a reported
salary of £300.000. He said:
"One of the areas where BBC
TV is weak is in talking to

women as opposed to men, ralking to young people, and talking to people outside the South of England."

These were strengths he would nurture at Channel 4, he said. "They are to do with the relationship with an audience that trusts Channel 4, which knows the channel is on its side."

He confirmed he was not interested in poaching from the BBC: "I am leaving the splendid quarters of White City behind me. I am interested in talking to people here."
He acknowledged that shows such as Friends and ER were hugely successful. Channel 5's director of programmes

nel 5's director of programmes. Dawn Airey has declared she is keen to buy them, but they are contracted to Channel 4 until 2000. Mr Jackson said: "There is a price over which it would be foolish to pay for a programme that you don't control and isn't feeding back into British production. At the

end of the day, the channel will be remembered for what it puts back into British production and the talent it has encouraged." He would defend its reputation for controversial programmes. It has been criticised by the Independent Television Commission for offending public taste with shows such as Brookside, which included an incest plotline.

The relationship with television watchdogs should be "one of candid self-criticism," he said."If you have got something wrong, hold your hands up and admit it.

up and admit it.

"If there is something that you passionately believe is right, then defend it. I think the channel has a good record of doing that in the past."

Mr Jackson said he had not left the BBC in protest at its changes. "I am supportive of the changes that have taken place. I did have a great job—it was a real wrench to leave.



Michael Jackson. right, with the Channel 4 chairman Sir Michael Bishop

But this is the best job in British broadcasting." A BBC spokesman said of Mr Jackson's criticisms: "We

are a little puzzled, because BBCl has the best audience profile of any channel. East-Enders alone demonstrates that the BBC gets a great deal right in respect of women and

young people. BBC2 has trounced Channel 4 in the ratings for two years, and we are seeking to reinforce its strengths by appealing to young people and women."

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There was no news on John
Willis, Channel 4's director of
programmes, who in the past
has called Jackson a "copycat

villain" and was hotly tipped to get the chief executive's job. Mr Willis is on holiday this week, and some staff believe he may leave, but Mr Jackson paid tribute to his talent and said he was looking forward to working with him.

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ITV loses its drama

hitmaker

ITV's Network Director is to stand down in the autumn after five years at its helm. Marcus Plantin, 51, who made drama the cornerstone of his programming, said he wanted a change of pace and direc-

Under his leadership, ITV introduced quality dramas such as Prime Suspect, Heartbeat and Cracker, and extra weekly episodes of Coronation Street and Emmerdale, to keep hold of its traditional lion's share of audiences from a more competitive BBC and increasing new channels. The Independent Television Commission has criticised ITV for an "aging and cautious" schedule too heavily dependent on drama and lacking in

Mr Bastin told the ITV hoard of his intentions last year. It is understood he has made no firm decisions about his future. He said: I will leave the channel in good shape, with its peak-time share up year on year."

uncomfortable. Ms Peirce said that Miss McAliskey could only sleep sitting up and that her legs were painful. She is also suffering from an infection.

Suspect dies

A fencing teacher sought by police over allegations that he indecently assaulted pupils at Brentwood School. Essex. was found dead in his ear at Brighton. Gareth Stafford-Bull. 41. went missing from his home on April 14.

McAliskey

too sick to

attend court

Roisin McAliskey, whose extradition is being sought by Germany in connection with a mortar attack in Osnabrück, was too ill to be brought to court yesterday for a hearing.

Miss McAliskey, 25, who is

expecting a baby this month,

and is being held in Holloway

prison, was said by her law-

yer. Gareth Peirce, to be using

a wheelchair. Ronald Bartle,

the chief stipendiary magistrate at Bow Street, remanded her in custody for another 28

days but asked for a detailed medical report. He said the

note from the prison stated

merely that she was tired and

Holiday boy safe

A Dutch boy who vanished on a family holiday in London on Monday was found at Dover. Cornelius Jansen, 12, had a note saying "Please get me home", thought to have been written by his brother Mario, 15, who is still missing.

Minced stake

A butcher ground up £840 when he switched on a mincer. Bert Moore, 70, of Moretonhampstead. South Devon, did not know his son Barry, 36, had hidden the takings there. They spent hours piecing notes together.

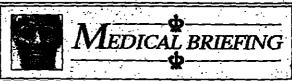
RAF's cow slip

The Defence Ministry has paid a Carmarthenshire farmer £8,500 for the death of a cow frightened by a low-flying Tornado. The Holstein Friesian, which died from abortion complications, had taken generations to breed.

Cones amnesty

West Midiands Police is offering a month's amnesty for students at Wolverhampton University who are believed to have stolen more than 100 yellow traffic comes as souvenirs. The force is running low on the £3.50 cones.

Hunt for drugs to ease Parkinson's



ANTHONY SARGEAUNT, who died recently after suffering from severe Parkinson's disease, took as keen an interest in his own condition, it is said, as he did in tank technology during the war, when he was scientific adviser to Montgomery. He later became Chief Scientific Adviser

to the Home Office.

Most doctors enjoy treating well-informed patients, particularly when they site able to display scientific detachment.

Research by Dr. Walther Birkmayer, an Austrian, led to the introduction in the 1960s of the use of levodopa (Sinemet Madopar) to restore the biochemical balance of the chemical messangers dopamine and activition by reinforcing the inadequate amounts of natural dopamine produced by patients with Parkinson's.

Levodopa is a precursor of dopamine, which is changed in the brain to it. The lack of dopamine is the cause of the abnormalities in muscle control; slow, stiff movements, the tremor and the lack of facial expression that characterise. Parkinson's. After a variable number of years, levodopa becomes less efficient.

Since the 1960s, research has continued in the hope that new drugs might be found that would either supplement

or enhance the action of levodopa. Some like selegiline are thought to prevent the breakdown of dopamine, thereby prolonging the action of levodopa. But its present status in the treatment of Parkinson's is now being reassessed.

Other drugs, brumocrio-

Other drugs, bromocriptine lisuride, and pergolide, stimulate the doparnine receptors in those parts of the brain that react to them, therefore linereasing the effect of any circulating doparnine. An alternative to increasing the effect of the doparnine is to decrease the action of the chemical messenger, acetylcholine.

Parkinson's still cannot be

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Parkinson's still cannot be corred. The search for a surgical freatment has proved unrewarding. Medical treatment has, however, improved in the past 50 years, and this together with better physical therapies has improved the quality of life for rations.

quality of life for patients.

Not all patients have Mr Sargeaunt's scientific background, but all patients with Parkinson's disease deserve to have a careful assessment from an expert so that the treatment may be tailored to their individual needs.

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Birds perish as farmers 'drench fields in poison'

By MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

PESTICIDES are almost cer- ist, said it was hardly surprissharp decline in at least 12 varieties of farmland birds over the past 25 years, accord-

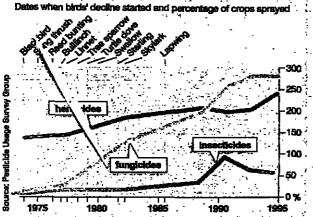
The five-year study, commissioned by the Department of the Environment from a consortium of wildlife bodies. calls for reduced use of chemicals and other changes in agricultural practice to improve the habitat for birds that nest and feed on farms.

Launching the report in London, Julian Pettifer, the

tainly the chief cause of a ing that birds were declining when the countryside was being "drenched in poison". In many places the dawn chorus of birdsong was now more like "a barber's shop quartet", if it could be heard at all.

> Society for the Protection of Birds, said: "We need to look at a range of reforms, including a tax on pesticide use and

> The report finds that pesticides "cannot be ruled out as a



major factor" in the decline of tree sparrows (down 89 per cent), turtle doves (77 per cent), bullfinches (76), song-thrushes (73), lapwings (62), reed buntings (61), skylarks (58), linnets (52), swallows (43), blackbirds (42) and starlings (23). Mark Avery, head of research at the RSPB, said:

Grahame Wynne, a director of conservation at the Royal wholesale changes in the way farming is subsidised."

dmit they have definite proof of the role of pesticides only in the case of grey partridges, which have declined by 82 per cent. A 30-year study by the Game Conservancy Trust on the South Downs in Sussex. has shown clearly how pesti-

> During the first 21 days of life, the chicks need a nutrientrich diet of beetles, caterpil-lars, sawflies and other insects. Pesticides deal the birds a double blow by killing the insects directly and deweeds on which they live.

cides have reduced the food

supply of partridge chicks.

"We believe there is good cire-

umstantial evidence for a link between pesticides and the

The authors of the report

decline in these birds,"

One solution pioneered by the trust is the creation of "conservation headlands", sixmetre-wide strips at the edge of arable fields where spray-







In decline, clockwise from top: blackbird (down 42 per cent), reed bunting (61), tree sparrow (89) and skylark (58)

ing is kept to a minimum. Farms using this method have restored partridge chick survival to the level that existed before the widespread use of

Other birds which may owe their decline in part to in-

creased pesticide use are the corn bunting (down 80 per cent), spotted flycatcher (73), mistle thrush (39), yellow wagtail (31), dunnock (29) and yeliow hammer (17).

Herbicides and fungicides, rather than insecticides, are

identified as the main threat. By the 1990s all arable fields were being sprayed on average up to three times a year. compared with no more than annually 20 years earlier. ☐ At least ten million birds are killed on the roads each year, according to a report in British Wildlife. The house victim, followed by the black-

sparrow is the most common bird, song thrush, pheasant and chaffinch. Hedge-lined country roads take the worst

Boarding schools urged to copy hotels

By JOHN O'LEARY **EDUCATION EDITOR**

BOARDING schools should banish the spectre of Tom Brown's Schooldays and reverse 20 years of decline by reinventing themselves as "sleep-over schools", their

chairwoman said yesterday. Ros McCarthy, the head-mistress of Cobham Hall School, Kent, said that boarding schools were handicapped by an outdated view of how they operated, and should market themselves as hotels

for children. The independent schools' annual census, to he pub-lished next week, is expected to show another fall in the number of boarders. But in her chairwoman's address to the Boarding Schools Association. Mrs McCarthy quoted the example of Heath Mount School, Hertfordshire, which won 70 converts to boarding by introducing "sleep-overs"

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for day pupils.

At the annual conference in
Ambleside, Cumbria, Mrs
McCarthy told head teachers: Perhaps in this day and age we should adopt more userfriendly terms and become known as 'sleep-over' schools. Children and parents understand this concept and find it very attractive."

The scheme, adopted for children's parties, has enabled Heath Mount to buck the trend for preparatory school boarding, where the decline has been at its steepest nationally. The youngest children can sleep at school one night a week, older pupils up to five.

Forecasters promise more snow as schools and roads are shut

BY DAREH GREGORIAN

SNOW, sleet and gales battered most of Britain yesterday, shutting schools and stranding 45 daytrippers on a remote island overnight. Forecasters predicted that the cold spell, coming immediately after the hot start to the month. would continue at least until the weekend, with much of the country expecting rain and snow. Michael Dukes of the Press

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Association Weather Centre said: "It is not going to be quite so cold, but it will still be pretty chilly. There will be blizzards and wind-chill factors down as low as -10C in the north Scottish hills." Maximum day temperatures would range from 3C in northern Scotland to IIC

on the south coast of England. For the first time in 14 years, large areas of North Wales woke up to a thick blanket of May snow yester-day, with the low-lying Vale of

Clwyd in Denbighshire particularly hard hit. Six inches of snow was reported in villages around Ruthin and falls closed two schools in St

One lane of the A55 North Wales Expressway, the main artery into the region, was closed early in the morning as snowploughs battled to keep traffic moving. In South Wales, snow fell along the A465 Head of the Valleys road. The high winds stranded the day-

trippers on the seabird haven of Skomer Island, off the Pembrokeshire coast. The pleasure boat that had gone to pick them up on Monday was damaged by stormy seas and had to be towed away from rocks by a lifeboat.

Mike Reynolds, of the trip organisers Dale Sailing, said: "Fortunately, holiday chalets were available, so they had beds and blankets and food and could keep warm." They were returned to the

mainland yesterday. The wintry weather, which broke out on the day Co-op stores announced they were halving prices on suntan lotions, was caused by a cold front from the Arctic that blew away the warm air that had covered much of the country for the previous few

Temperatures plunged overnight to -5C at Loch Glascarnoch, in the Highlands, and high ground in northern Britain experienced sleet

or snow showers. There were warnings from the AA of black ice in the Borders and Dumfries and Galloway in southern Scotland.

London recorded 12mm of rain esterday, more than for all of March and April. The wet weather, accompanied by a cold snap with night frosts, is expected to continue at least until Friday, said the London Weather Centre.

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Anthony Burstow

No action is to be taken by police against Anthony Burtow, who was reported on September 3, 1996, to be under investigation for attempting to contact from Bullingdon prison a woman he had been convicted of inflicting psychological grievous bodily harm to by stalking. He did not attempt to write to the woman. nor was any letter intercepted or found in his possession.

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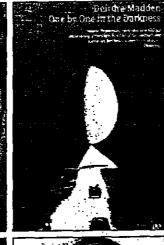
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Women's talent for fiction goes west

By ERICA WAGNER, LITERARY EDITOR

FOUR out of the six novels on the shortlist for the Orange Prize for Fiction, Britain's most lucrative literary prize, are by North American writers, reviving the debate over the state of British fiction.

The Orange prize, worth £30,000, was first awarded in 1996 to the British novelist Helen Dunmore for A Spell of Winter. Last year, debate focused on the merits, or otherwise, of a prize open only to women.

Now the co-founder of the prize, the novelist Kate Mosse, noting that 60 per cent of publishers' entries for the prize were North American, hopes the

publication of the shortlist will encourage debate about the state of publishing in Britain. You could speculate about the prevalence of North American writing on some publishers' lists, and wonder how much respect some British publishers have for British writing," she said.

Novels by the British novelists Jeanette Winterson (Gut Symmetries) and Beryl Bainbridge (Every Man for Himself), both strong contenders on the Orange long list released in March, have been dropped in favour of novels by Canadian writers - Alias Grace by Margaret Atwood, and Fugitive Pieces by Anne Michaels - and by Americans - Accordion Crimes by E. Annie Proubs, and I Was Amelia Earhart by Jane Mendelsohn. Mendelsohn and Michaels are first-time novelists Deirdre Madden (One by One in the Darkness) from Northern Ireland, and Manda Scott (Hen's Teeth), who is Scottish, make up the British contingent on the list.

Lisa Jardine, the author and critic who is chairman of this year's judges said that part of the reason for such a strong North American showing was the strong tradition of women's writing there. "For 30 years writing has been taught in colleges over there; there tends to be much less self-consciousness. I was very struck by the confidence and maturity of North

American writing - a kind of Look ma, no hands' bravura. But Dan Franklin of Cape, the publishing company that produced Jane

Mendelsohn's novel, denies that there is a bias among publishers towards North American writing. "When I see a manuscript, I certainly don't think 'Oh. how wonderful, that's American'." Franklin agrees that schooled writ-ers can produce very polished first

novels. But do they develop as interestingly as say, A. L. Kennedy or Barbara Anderson? The shortlist says as much about the tastes of the judges as about publishers' tastes."

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Historians lose battle to save War of Volcanoes may the Roses site from housebuilders

GASTONS FIELD, the site of the Lancastrians' defeat in the Wars of the Roses in 1471, is to have housing built on it. Tewkesbury Borough Council decided yesterday.

The decision to grad

ning permission outraged English Heritage. Tewkesbury Town Council and members of the Battlefields Trust, who condemned it as "an act of civic vandalism". The Government will now decide whether to endorse the permission or hold a public inquiry.

A spokeswoman for English Heritage said: "We remain vehemently opposed to this proposal. They have taken their decision in spite of our exhortation to preserve this precious site.

Joe Kent, the borough coun-cil leader, infuriated some

historians when he claimed that there was no evidence that the area where the houses could be built had been part of the battlefield. The Gastons is now a clipped, gently rising within sight of Tewkesbury Abbey. On May 4, 1471, it was the scene of dreadful carnage.

Margaret of Anjou, the wife of the deposed Lancastrian Henry VI, had landed at Portland with an army from France intent on wresting the Crown back from the upstart Yorkist Edward IV and free-ing her husband from Edward's custody.

Exhausted by their march, the Lancastrians turned to face their pursuers outside Tewkesbury Abbey. To the south was ranged the Yorkist army under Edward, his brother Richard (later Rich-



ard III) and the Duke of Clarence. From the beginning the battle went badly for the forces of Aniou.

The Duke of Somerset. commanding the Lancastrian right, led his men towards the Severn in a flanking move to get out of range of the Yorkist archers, but encountered spearmen concealed in the woods of what is now Tewkesbury golf course. As he desperately attempted to regain cut down in the field which is The defenders broke ranks

and fied, many of them to what they thought was the sanctuary of the abbey. There they were slaughtered until the abbot begged that the killing should cease. Defeat at Tewkesbury spelt

the end of Lancastrian hopes of regaining the throne. Henry VI was put to death in the Tower, Somerset was executed; and Margaret escaped only to be captured and held

prisoner for four years.

Much of the battlefield has already been used for housing, a cemetery and a sewage works. A spokesman for Bryant Homes Mercia said that they had undertaken to provide a car park and other amenities for the rest of the hattlefield.

damage ozone

By NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

ing more damage to the ozone ing more dariage to the cooker layer than man-made pollution, a scientist said yesterday pounds, he said. "It may be it has been argued that the build-up of artificial chemicals during the 20th century has layer is a trainal effect."

It has been argued that the what we said seeing in the atmosphice and the cooker than the cooker th

the Sun's ultra-violet rays. Many countries are phasing out the substances, such as chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), which are found in aerosols and other products.

But John Smellie, a vulca-nologist, of the British Amarcbic Survey, believes that volcan't damaging themicals in much larger quantities than those derived from man-made sources. Dr Smellie agreed that action was needed to curb man-made pollution. "But often we ignore what the planet

VOLCANOES might be do- is doing itself." Volcanoes had been around for far longer

known. Rising temperatures were offset when the gases and particles expelled in the eruption of Mount Pinatubo, in the Philippines, in 1991, led to a cooling of 0.5 degrees C.

Dr Smellie's studies are fo-

cusing on the South Sandwich Islands of the South Atlantic including Bellingshausen 1s. land. There, two continental plates are colliding, creating volcanoes, with huge quant ties of steam and gases. His work could confirm that active volcanoes are producing caone-damaging chemicals.

Royal website beats **Spice Girls for hits**

By KATHRYN KNIGHT

THE Queen's Internet website has proved so popular that it has overtaken even the Spice Girls to become one of the world's most visited sites.

Since its introduction by the Queen on March 6, the 165page website has been accessed 12.5 million times, or 6.25 million per month, compared with the 25 million "hits" a month on the all-girl band's site. More than a million accesses were made on the royal pages in the first 24 hours, it was revealed

The site was extended yesterday with an extra 85 pages of royal history, profiles and

speeches, illustrated by pictures from the Royal Col-lection. By tapping in http://www.royal.gov.uk world can now tour some of Buckingham Palace and receive news of royal visits.

National curriculum history advisers have collaborated with the Palace to write the text, from the Anglo-Saxon kings to George VI. A Palace spokesman said: "Americans are the most frequent visitors, but we have interest from all over the world. The Queen is very pleased.

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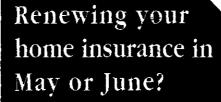
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'Conservative Party is a broad church. We won't find more worshippers by having only one theme'

Redwood plays down Eurosceptic record

By Andrew Pierce, political correspondent

JOHN REDWOOD launched his campaign for the Tory crown yester-day with a promise that his leader-ship would not be bogged down by the European issue and that he would restore trust in the Conservatives over schools and the health service.

The Eurosceptic, who resigned as Welsh Secretary in 1995 to challenge John Major for the party leadership, said yesterday that he did not want to lead a factional party which was obsessed by one issue. The general election result had shown that people were deeply concerned about standards in schools, he said, acknowledging that the Tory government had closed too many small hospitals. It had broken or ignored the bond that existed between communities and their hospitals.

Speaking at a central London hotel, surrounded by some of the ten MPs who will run his campaign, he said that the Conservatives had to be united. Mr Redwood, challenged over reports that Conservative Central Office was briefing journalists against him, replied: "I would urge

whoever wins this leadership election has a task to bring the party back together again.

"It is not going to be easier for me if there has been too much factional infighting and personality briefing over the course of the campaign. I will not be doing it and I am asking my colleagues not to do it on my

"It will not help for people to be making foolish or negative comments about each other in the leadership challenge. I would urge all other candidates to be sensible in this respect." He said that the Tory party would have to use "every bit" of the talent left to it in Parliament by the election. The defeated Tory MPs would return quite quickly, "when the Conservative Party has reconnected with its roots and learnt the

lessons of 1992 to 1997".

On policy on the European single currency, he said: "I will talk to my colleagues about how we can best oppose the Labour Government. Kenneth Clarke [also a Tory leadership candidate] and I are united on many aspects of the single currency.

currency would be extremely damaging to Britain and the rest of

for the exchange-rate mechanism.

Mr Redwood went out of his way to praise Mr Major, particularly his handling of the economy since 1992, when Britain had been bundled out of the exchange-rate mechanism.

Asked about the absence yesterday of some of the arch-Eurosceptics, such as Teresa Gorman, who turned out to back him when he declared for the leadership two years ago. Mr Redwood said: "I am not ashamed of the fact that they supported me then and I hope those who are still MPs will support me now. But I do want a broad appeal. The Conservative Party is a broad church. It must stay as a broad church.

"The problem is that we don't have enough worshippers at the moment. We have to find a lot more and we won't do that by having only one issue and one theme."

He emphasised that, unlike other leadership contenders, he could stand across the dispatch box from Tony Blair and not have to defend every last deed of the previous Tory Covernment.



New profile: Mr Redwood announces he is in the leadership race

The challenge that means never having to say sorry

The Vulcan versus the Klingon. Mission launches by John Redwood and Michael Howard are observed by Alan Hamilton

he Vulcan wears his hair a little longer these days, so you can no longer see his ears.

John Redwood, the Mr Spock of the 1995 Tory leader-ship election, must retain at least one superhuman brain cell, given that when he threw his hat into the ring at a press conference yesterday, he did not repeat the disastrous mistakes of his last attempt to seize the helm of the Starship Conservative, currently adrift in a distant galaxy somewhere

Trekkies still speak in awe of Mr Redwood's last bid to grab control from John Major, when he hired the rather grand Jubilee Room off Westminster Hall and surrounded himself with the Swivel-Eyed Tendency, an inter-galactic band of Eurosceptics including Tony Marlow, in a striped blazer, and Teresa Gorman just being herself.

just being berself.

When it was over, men in white coats guided them out.

Yesterday Mr Redwood moved down to the discreet basement room of a hotel near-Victoria Station. Thirty journalists filled the small room.

Mr Redwood and his five supporters squeezed round a table in the corner. The contender has fine chiselled features and the dark good looks

of a Celt, but his supporters still have that well-fed look. So, Mr Redwood, now that the Captain James T. Kirk of British politics is in Downing Street, what role is there for a Vulcan? Mr. Redwood, conscious of the hilarity engendered by his last hid to take over the bridge, did not much care for the analogy. "I don't think a Vulcan is on offer," he

said, smiling wealty.

He presented himself not so much as Mr Spock as Mr Clean, a man who, were he to lead the Tory party, would never have to apologise for its mistakes of the past five years. Challenging John Major means never having to say sorry. He was, he said, the man to tackle Tony Blair.

The party, he admitted, should show humility for its past mistakes. Well, the party with the exception of Mr Retwood, he was the man who put up rather than shut up, the man who saw last Thursday's remor coming as long age as 1992. Fine, Mr Redwood, but

what about the sleaze? "I can't promise you that in the future there will never be a promise mous Tory," he declared, adding moments later that the trouble with the past five years of Conservative politics was that there had been no fun. Heavens, Mr Redwood,

where have you been?

If Mr Redwood is a Vulcan, Michael Howard must be the arch enemy from another galaxy, a Klingon. Mr Howard is an alien from east Kent, where right-wing Tories hang on to their seats and where there is probably zero gravity. Yesterday he launched his own space mission aimed at the Tory leadership.

the Tory leadership.
His pad was the "institution of civil engineers", a veritable Cape Canaveral of political ambition, where Mr Blair launched the brilliantly successful Labour manifesto mission to the stars and Martin Bell fired his one-man rocket to photograph the dark side of Neil Hamilton.

Mr Howard mounted the rostrum in front of a portrait of Thomas Telford, the father of private sector funding for motorway construction and pioneer of pay-as-you-drive. For Mr Howard, there was none of Mr Redwood's sack-cloth and ashes approach, no handwringing or apologies for five years of Tory misrule.

"I have a clear sense of purpose. I have driven forward imaginative, successful and popular policies. The measures I introduced have worked. I am not easily side-tracked. I will lead from the front I have remained loyal to

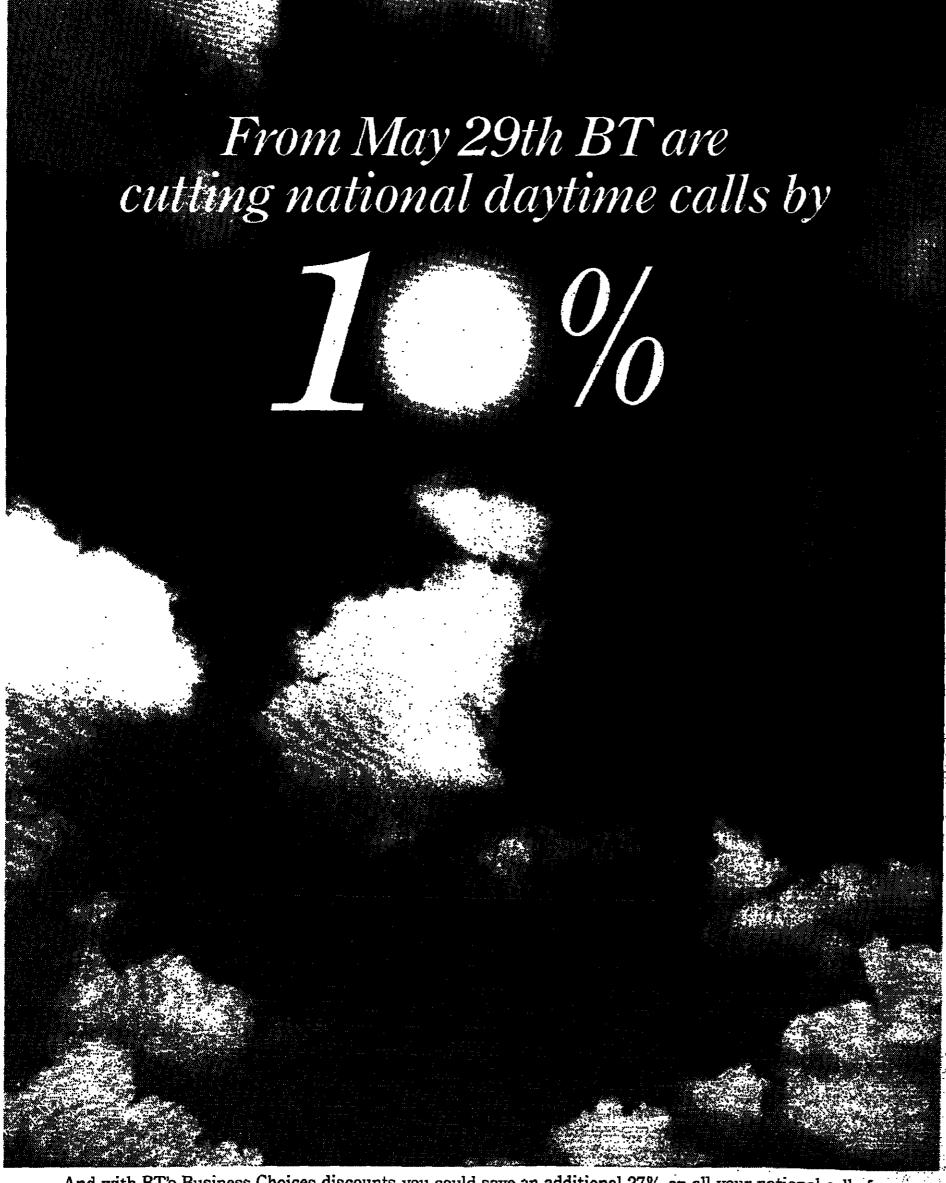
the government."

Strong stuff for a man fuelled by nothing more than half a glass of Ballygowan life in the first material water.

But hold on, Mr Howard. With the departure of Mr Portillo, are you not the principal surviving hate figure?

He directed the question back to the Planet Folkestone. "Look at the election result in my constituency," he retorted, a touch smugly.

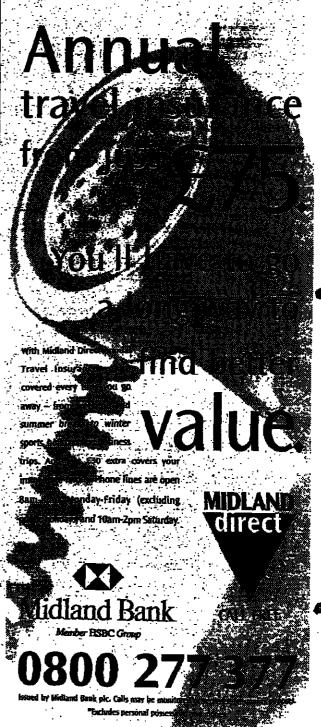
While the purser and the boatswain battle for the helm of this Starship Tory, the fight may be yet to the cabin boy. We await the declaration of intent from William Hague, who is just about tall enough to read the compass.



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Night the champagne deal fell flat

Hague accused of reneging by Howard camp

By Andrew Pierce and Philip Webster

STRICT secrecy surrounded the late-night meeting be-tween William Hague and Michael Howard as they sipped champagne and thrashed out a deal over the leadership of the Conservative Party. But the deal fell flat.

The former Home Secretary had believed he was on the point of clinching Mr Hague's agreement to stand as his deputy in a "dream ticket" that Conservative MPs might have found irresistible. In the three days since John Major had stood down, the two men had spoken on the telephone several times about combining forces and taking on the other right-wing contenders, Peter Lilley and John Redwood.

Only a handful of the two former Cabinet colleagues' closest aides knew they were due to meet at 10pm to complete the deal at the Howards' heavily fortified Belgravia grace-and-favour house on Bank Holiday Monday.

Mr Hague, 36, was accompanied to South Eaton Place by Flion Jenkins, his 27-yearold fiancee. He was warmly greeted by Mr Howard and his wife Sandra. The only other person in the terraced house was the veteran Eurosceptic MP Sir Michael Spicer, who is running Mr Howard's campaign.

There were no other witnesses to the hour-long meet-ing that has electrified the Tory leadership contest and caused a bitter rift in the camps of two men, who have been friends for some time.

Within an hour of Mr Hague arriving, the former Home Secretary had cracked open a bottle of Bollinger to celebrate what he regarded as an historic deal that he hoped would result in him winning the leadership of the Tory

party chairman if Mr Howard won. However, if the deal was done, as the Howard camp maintains, Mr Hague went

Mr Hague has privately admitted to friends that he went along with Mr Howard's proposal at that meeting. But he did not believe he was giving his final assent and felt that there was scope for more

When he went home that night, his answering machine was full of calls from friends. senior and junior, pleading with him to stand in his own right. Not all of them knew he was close to a deal.

He spoke to many of them and Ms Jenkins ventured her own opinion that he could take the chance that had presented

The Hague team dismissed comparisons with the "Catherine Place conspiracy", the name given to the meeting of senior ministers who plotted Margaret Thatcher's downfall after the first inconclusive leadership ballot in 1990. There was no treachery over champagne," one Hague supporter said. "But William admits there was a terrible misunderstanding over the extent to which a deal was struck. But he is sorry if Michael is upset and accepts the blame, if blame is being apportioned.

At 8 am yesterday, after a sleepless night. Mr Hague called Mr Howard and told him he had changed his mind. Mr Howard was deeply disapprointed and tried to bring him round. But there was no going back this time.

It had all seemed so different the previous night. Early in the day the mood had been sombre. The Howards were facing up to the brutal reality of life on the Opposition



Michael Howard, with his wife Sandra, arriving at the press conference to announce he would stand alone

Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary and the new mistress of the house. The suitcases were packed.

However, spirits soared

throughout the day as Mr Howard, 55, became convinced that a deal would be struck. The champagne had been on ice since an extended mid-afternoon telephone call with Mr Hague, who was in his Yorkshire constituency. It was during that call, friends of Mr Howard say, that Mr Hague agreed in principle not

to let his name go forward. There had been a series of telephone conversations dating back to Saturday, when Mr Howard initiated the con-

peared, according to his friends, that he had weakened in his resolve to fight.

Despite the pressure from some of his closest friends. such as Alan Duncan and Nigel Evans, who will run his leadership campaign. Mr Hague was tempted to be the number two. "Remember, he is getting married soon," one Hague supporter said. "He is deeply in love — he is realising that there other things in life."

The atmopsphere was warm and convivial when Mr Hague and his fiancée arrived. Mr Howard felt emboldened to take the champagne out of the fridge and toast their hands on it.

secret of the fact he sees Mr Hague, the young pretender, as a future Tory leader. But not the next one. Mr Hague is equally effusive about Mr Howard's tough line in Cabinet against the government's

single currency. "It was the dream ticket," a Howard aide said. "We were convinced we had got them signed up before he arrived." What is clear is that Mr Howard, when he went to bed. thought the deal was done.

wait-and-see policy on the

He claimed yesterday. through his supporters, that it would have been announced at a joint press conference yesterday afternoon. Peter Lilley and John Redwood, the

it never worked out. Far from being chastened, they were both delighted at the mudslinging between their princi-pal rival camps.

Mr Howard carried on yesterday with his launch. His friends claimed that Mr Hague's departure was no more than a hiccup. "This is a winning ticket, and always chance of having William on board popped up — now it's gone. But we are still in with a very good chance."

Sir Michael Spicer, witness to the South Eaton Place champagne deal that turned flat, was adamant: "A settlement was made. This is all

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According to Mr Howard's benches. The last trappings of government office, the front agreed to stand down, would become deputy leader and over the next day to Mo pact. But they never shook tact. But even before Mr other candidates of the Right. Hague spoke to Mr Howard The two men were friends. on Monday afternoon it ap- Mr Howard has made little

Now for the hard part — finding somewhere to sit ALMOST 250 first-time MPs were yesterday trying to find their bearings, and some office space, in the Palace of

For many, both tasks will prove considerably harder than getting elected. The building is labyrinthine, and until an office block under construction nearby has been completed there will not be not enough rooms to go

To help out the newcomers, the Commons authorities had organised what was sign-posted as a "New Members' Reception". Champagne and canapés were not on offer, but officials were dispensing advice on office accommodation. computer equipment and

identity passes By lunchtime yesterday, Paul Burstow, the Liberal Democrat MP who unseated Lady Olga Maitland in Sutton and Cheam, was streets ahead of at least one of his new colleagues. He had been given a lightning tour by Simon Hughes, MP for Southwark North and Bermondsey, who has had since his 1983 by-election victory to

Polly Newton watches as Westminster's newcomers take their first faltering steps and find they face a fresh fight for seats

Ballard, the newly-elected Liberal Democrat MP for Taunton, had meanwhile visited the party's election campaign team across the road. Mr Burstow said the Hughes induction had borne

fruit. "He has been very helpful in showing us everything we need to know quick-

ly, like where to get our Mrs Ballard was impressed and not a little envious. "You've got stationery, have you?" It appeared that the achievement might be enough to qualify Mr Burstow as her

Mr Burstow acknowledged graciously that, in the circumstances, three hours' experience was not to be sneezed at. 'You have to become an old hand very quickly." Across the room, Angela

Smith, the new Labour MP for Basildon, was writing down her preferred office location (the limited space on offer is available both in the House itself and in nearhy buildings). She admitted that she did so more in hope than expectation. "I would trade off a small office for a central

location, but there must be almost no chance of a new girl getting an office in the House," she said.

The need for a corner comewhere that she could call her own was pressing, however. "I took 42 messages off the constituency office answerphone and I have nowhere to sit and get back to

Margaret Moran, the new Labour MP for Luton South. was taken aback by an encounter with a veteran Tory from the shires. "He said: 'Are you a new girl?" I thought: this is going to stop now. Then he said: I would advise you to get a pad in London. rapido'." His parting shot? "There are

so many women..." Ms Moran, former leader of Lewisham council in south London, was mischievously making plans to cater for the doubling of the number of female MPs. "I keep wanting to say: 'show us the sword room so we can turn it into a creche." She was also considering direct action to even out the number of men's and women's lavatories with the aid of a screwdriver and a handful of new signs, "otherwise we'll have to queue

The advent of 247 new MPs the highest number since 1945 - has left the Commons doorkeepers and policemen with their work cut out. They must learn to identify the newcomers as quickly as

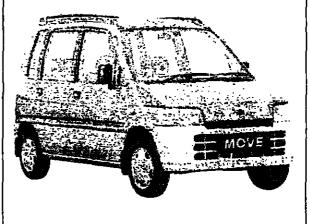
Eddie McKay, who has worked as a doorkeeper in the building for nine years, said it would take him about three weeks. Like his colleagues, he has a book of their photo-graphs, which he will study at work and at home until he is confident that he has them off pat. "I tend to put them into groups — Scots, ladies, knights, silver-haired ones.

That's how I do it." It was part of a doorkeener's job, he said, to make MPs working lives as painless as possible. "We like to think we have got a bit of a calming

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Who does what in the Labour Government

THE Prime Minister made the final appointments to his ministerial team vesterday. The Times has set out below the various departmental posts and job descriptions. Some specific portfolios have still to be allocated.

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT



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Secretary of State: David Blunkett - planning early education and employment Bill.

Minister of State temployment and disability rights): Andrew Smith, and Parliamentary Under-Secretary: Alan Howarth - welfare to work programme, pe implementing social chapter, lic employment and benefits issues. competitiveness, work permits, re-gional and urban policy, disability and equal opportunities.

dards): Stephen Byers, and Par-liamentary Under-Secretary: Estelle Morris — responsible for literacy and numeracy initiatives. school funding, class sizes and the abolition of assisted places, league tables, national curriculum. teacher training and supply, nurs-

Minister of State: (education and employment in the Lords): Bar-oness Blackstone, and Parliamentary Under-Secretary: Kim Howells - further and higher education, research, adult education, careers service, qualifications and examinations, training, establishing university for industry, new technologies.

In-tray: immediate action to implement welfare-to-work proecamme and implementing the Maastricht treaty's social chapter. st short Bill to set in train the R abolition of the Assisted Places Scheme, Urgent action, too, on nurseries to phase out the use of vouchers without stranding children now in playgroups or private

White Papers planned for June tio on the main commitments on vi education and employment, in education reports in July, prompt-ing likely abolition of student grants and further expansion of TREASURY



Chancellor of the Exchequer

Chief Secretary to the Treasury: Alistair Darling — control of departmental spending, conduct-ing promised expenditure reviews.

Paymaster General: Geoffrey Robinson -- Private Finance Initia-

Financial Secretary: Dawn

tive, privatisation issues, and welfare to work programme. Economic Secretary: Helen Liddell — financial services. City

Intray: writing Budget, probably to be held in June. Key decision

will be to set the rate of windfall tax on privatised utilities. Details of welfare-to-work measures to be tightened up. Plans to cut VAT on fuel from 8 per cent to 5

Creative thinking about how and when to raise taxes without breaking manifesto pledge not to raise basic and top rate of income tax for five years.

Drawing up legislation for Bank of England to gain new indepen-

HOME OFFICE



Secretary of State: Jack Straw -Minister of State: Alun Michael police, criminal policy, organised crime and voluntary sector. prisons minister, oversight of immigration and asylum, particu-larly with EU, mentally disordered

Parliamentary Under-Secretary: Mike O'Brien — immigration and nationality case work, race and community relations, passports, constitutional issues.

Parliamentary Under-Secretary: George Howarth — prisons, fire service, liquor licensing, gaming and drugs.

Parliamentary Under-Secretary: Lord Williams of Mostyn, QC all Home Office matters in the

In-tray: Crime and Disorder Bill to be in the Queen's Speech to reform youth justice system including fast-track punishment for young offenders: new powers to deal with nuisance neighbours and antisocial behaviour, compulsory drug testing and treatment for serious drug-addicted offenders and curfews for children under 10 found roaming the streets. Audit of the Prison Service including accom-modation and finances. To decide whether private sector will design finance, construct and manage 12 new jails being planned. MPs to be given free vote on handgun ban. Consider confirming Major-General Guy Watkins as new chairman of the Tote and look for new chairman of Parole Board.

> SOCIAL SECURITY



for Women: Harriet Harman women's issues, overall responsibility for DSS.

Minister of State: Frank Field long-term planning, the change programme. Benefits Agency, lunemenditure review, disability benefits, work incentives, poverty.

Parliamentary Under-Secretary: Keith Bradley — jobseekers' al-lowance, income support, family credit, housing benefit, council tax benefit, Social Fund, poverty and low-income issues, recovery of benefits, green issues.

Parliamentary Under-Secretary: Baroness Hollis of Heigham decision making and appeals, child benefit, one-parent benefit, Child Support Agency, incapacity carers and invalid care allowance.

severe disablement allowance, industrial injuries, war pensions, House of Lords spokeman on ocial security.

Parliamentary Under-Secretary: John Denham — fraud, methods of payment, pensions, National In-surance contributions, deregulation, statutory sick pay, statutory maternity pay, long-term care policy development.

In-tray: turning the welfare-to-work rhetoric of a hand up, not a hand out" into reality. To get lone mothers with school-age children into workforce by offering career advice and information about childcare. Review of how to pay for long-term care of the elderly and financing of children aged 16 to 18. Review of second pensions. Fighting for parliamentary time to implement pension-splitting Bill

ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT



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Meacher - environmental protection, water, countryside, wildlife and habitats, health and safety. Cabinet Minister of Transport: Gavin Strang — transport. Minister of State: Richard Caborn regeneration and regional

Minister of State: Hilary Armstrong - housing and local government.

Parliamentary Under-Secretary.

Angela Eagle — energy efficiency and British Waterways Board.

Parliamentary Under-Secretary: Baroness Hayman — transport and environment in the Lords. Parliamentary Under-Secretary: Nick Raynslord - London and capital's environment Parliamentary Under-Secretary: Glenda Jackson — transport for London and other duties.

In-tray: tough decisions on how to deliver a 20 per cent cut in globalwarming emissions by 2010. Seek-ing ways of boosting uptake of solar power. Promises to curb car culture and boost public transport. To be paid for possibly by axing more of the road-building budget. But that will raise battles with freight and pro-roads lobby. Look ing at ways of speeding clean-up of air pollution before 2005. Examining ways of merging London Tube and buses. New green taskforce of unemployed to clean up environment and save wildlife sites.

NORTHERN HELAND



Secretary of State: Mo Mowlam -

Minister of State Paul Murphy — Stormont talks, Department of Finance and Personnel, Information Service, relations with EU and liaison on Scottish and Welsh Minister of State: Adam Ingram

- security, Department of Economic Development and co-opera-tion between NI and the Republic Parliamentary Under-Secretary Tony Worthington - education, training and employment, health and social services and community

Lord Dubs - environment and agriculture. All NI matters in House of Lords.

In-Tray: inject life into the multiparty talks resuming at Stormont on June 3. Persuade Ulster Unionists and SDLP to reach agreement on disarming terrorists. Reduce high numbers of long term unemployed.

SCOTLAND



Secretary of State: Donald Dewar - entire portfolio of the Scottish

Minister of State: Henry McLeish - home affairs and devolution. Minister of State: Brian Wilson -education and industry. Minister for Local Government

and Transport: Malcolm Chis-holm - development department and Commons spokesman on agriculture, environment, fisheries Minister for Health and the Arts: Sam Galbraith — health, social

Minister for Agriculture, the Environment and Fisheries: Lord Sewel of Gilcomstoun - Forestry Commission and Lords spokes-

In-tray: introduce devolution Bill for two-question referendum within weeks. Plebiscite on Scottish parliament by autumn. Get-ting young Scots back to work through scheme paid for by windfall tax on privatised utilities, reducing NHS waiting lists.

FOREIGN ALD



overseas development, aid and

Parliamentary Under-Secretary: George Foulkes - to assist Ms

In-tray: sorting out precise nature of the role with new responsibil-ities previously handled by the Department of Trade and Industry and by the Treasury.



ment, environment, education, bealth, agriculture.

Parliamentary Under-Secretar-ies: Win Griffiths and Peter Haln responsibilities to be

In-tray: White Paper on devolution to be ready by July. A lot of work persuading Labour. MPs to back assembly. Will try to take over Home Office matters for Wales. Will try to raise standards in

English-language schools to match those in Welsh-language schools. Getting young unemployed into jobs and community work. Seek-ing more inward investment to the more remote parts of Wales. Improve road system between North and South Wales.

Raise the profile of Cardiff-Wales Airport. Safeguard cottage

Precise division of responsibilties being worked out.

DEFENCE



son - strategic defence review. Minister of State: John Reid expected to be Armed Forces Minister responsible for Gulf War control, defence budget, nuclear ment, millennn strategy, UN peacekeeping, Northern Ireland, policy on reserves. Minister of State John Gilbert fin the House of Lords) — expected to be Defence Procurement Minister.

in charge of Trident programme, submarine disposal, equipment collaboration, defence exports, operational analysis. Parliamentary Under-Secretary:

John Spellar — environment protection, service personnel, health and safety, training and education, medical, low flying.

In-tray: comprehensive six-month review to start within next four-weeks, including role of British troops in Germany. The ban on homosexuality to be raised with service chiefs, with a view to possible lifting. Ensuring agree ment with Germany. Italy and Spain on production phase of Eurofighter combat aircraft.

FOREIGN DEFICE



Secretary of State: Robin Cook responsibilities yet to be Minister of State: Derek Fatchett. Minister of State: Tony Lloyd.
Minister of State: Douglas

Henderson - Europe Parliamentary Under-Secretary: Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean in the House of Lords.

In-tray: new approach to Euro-pean partners, European Council summit in Amsterdam on June 16-17 to complete discussions on European enlargement and next phase of Maastricht treaty, G7 summit in Denver on June 22, the smooth handover of Hong Kong to



heads of government conference in Edinburgh in October. ordering of evacuation of British citizens from Kinshasa.

strategic partnership between Nato and Russia, Commonwealth

DTI



President of the Board of Trade: Margaret Bockett, Minister of State: Lord Clinton-

Davis - spokesmen in the Lords on trade and export controls. Minister of State: lan McCartney - minimum wage, labour market. Minister of State John Banle energy and industry, science and

Parliamentary Under-Secretary: Nigel Griffiths — consumer Parliamentary Under-Secretary: Barbara Roche - small firms.

In-tray: Implementing European social chapters works councils and parental leave. Completion of European single market. Setting national minimum wage. Cutting red tape. Setting up regional support for small businesses.



Secretary of State: Chris Smith proadcasting, film, arts, museums, National Lottery, built environ-Minister of State: Tom Clarke -

portfolio to be announced. Tony Banks - all sports and national sporting events. All other positions still to be

In-tray: department being re-launched to "play key role in shaping Britain's future". Reform of National Lottery payments to fund projects in NHS and education. Will focus on broadcasting and tourism. Reserved the right to review all millennium projects. Channel 4's future — which Labour has said it has no intention of privatising. Helping to ensure Britain stages World Cup in 2006.



coner, QC — to be created per Deputy to Attorney General

Crown Prosecution Service and Crown Prescution Service and Service Interpretations Fraud Office prosequing policy jeg war crimes, contempt proceedings, appeals against lenient sentences, prosequing coursel in some lead cases.

Lord Advocate: Andrew Hardie, Oc. to be created posi-QL. to be created peer. Solicitor-General for Scotland: Colin Boyd QC - likely to be involved in drafting developed

In tray: chief task will be Labour's plans to shake up and decentralise the Crown Prosecution Service. Possibly wider-powers to appeal, against unduly lement sentences.

AGRICULTURE



eries and Food: Jack Cunning-ham — overall responsibility for all aspects of policy. Minister of State Jeffrey Rooker — food safety, animal health. Minister for Farming and the Food Industry. Lord Donoughue - out industry. Lord Donughue

- ministry's representative in

House of Lords, reform of European Union common agricultural

policy:

Parliamentary Secretary: Elliot Morley — fisheries, countryside.

In-tray: setting up new indepen-dent Food Standards Agency. Early shale-up of the manistry, involving name and structure changes to reflect new emphasis on food and consumer interests.

Will work with Foreign Sec-renary at European Union's summit in June to seek solution to problem of "quota-hopping" foreign fishing vessels.

Make "bresh start" on getting beef ban cased by "positive dialogue" with EU. Will go to Brussels on Monday to meet

senior Commission officials. Longer-term goal is reform of EU's common agricultural policy.



Secretary of State: Frank Dobson. Ministers of State: Tessa Jowell, improving public health, Alan Milburn, expected to spearhead Parliametary Under-Secretary:

Paul Boateng. In-tray: co-ordination of public health services to counter food scares like E-coli bacteria infection and to control dangerous environ-mental pollution.

Sorting out National Health Service funding in time to head off threatened winter crisis. Eliminating unpopular and expensive bureaucracy of the internal

Boosting morale among doctors to prevent GP shortage caused by early retirement. Stopping brain drain of medical academics. Controlling tobacco advertising and sponsorship.

Helping to run with social services royal commission being set up to review care of the elderly.



Lines Chancellor: Lord Irvine of Lines QC - constitutional reform, judicial appointments, legal aid.

representative in the Commons; legal aid, legal services, criminal justice and magistrates courts.

In-tray: constitutional reform in all aspects — particularly a fill of Rights to incorporate the Euro-pean Convention on Human Rights into domestic law. A review of legal aid and civil justice, to take

CABINETOFALE



President of the Council and Leader of the House of Commons: Ann Taylor work of the Privy Council Office and the legislative programme, in charge of Government business and pushing

devolution. Cleaning up Parliament, review standards and privileges committee, ensure the standards watchdog is

Cabinet committees and to ensure Government business gets through the Lords.

Minister without Portfolio: Peter Mandelson - wide-ranging role to drive the Government programme and

committees, liaise with various policy taskforces. He is to chair daily co-ordination meetings at Downing Street. In-tray: eyes and ears for the Prime Minister in every department. Watching out for potential banana skins. En-

Labour Party and ensure that Covernment business has a smooth passage.
In-tray: identify any potential rebels and start compiling

information on each of the new intake. Advise on promotion to parliamentary private. secretary, the first rung on ministerial ladder. Recom-

Ensure there are enough ladies' lavatories for women

Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster: David Clark responsible to the Queen for the administration of the Duchy of Lancaster, the Civil Service, open government, deregulation, efficiency, the Citizen's Charter, Next Steps Agencies, ministerial and civil servants' pay, senior and public appointments:

Parliamentary Under-Secretary: Peter Kilfoyle — to assist the Chancellor. In-tray: greater efficiency in

public spending. Keeping the lid on pay of civil servants and of the market-testing pro-gramme and hiving off parts mend MPs as chairmen and of Government Push through members of select committees. | a Freedom of Information Act.

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Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House of Lords Lord Richard, QC - no specific departmental portfolio but is expected to sit on a number of

In-tray: drawing up possible new list of working peers. Fending off opposition from hereditary peers against the Government's proposed reform of the Lords. Ditto for devolution.

policies through Whitehall, monitor progress of Cabinet

suring the Government remains in honeymoon period. Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury Nick Brown -Chief Whip who has to keep order in the Parliamentary

Blair tells incoming MPs to stick to new Labour line

POLITICAL EDITOR

Prime Minister's first address to his Government will be captured on film

TONY BLAIR will today lay down the law to Labour's massive contingent of MPs, warning them that the party's landslide victory does not mean there can be any let-up in discipline or departure from the manifesto.

The victorious Parliamentary Labour Party is to meet in Church House, Westminster, a venue chosen because it is big enough to take all 418 Labour MPs and because for the first time in recent memory cameras are to be allowed in to

capture Mr Blair's address. But although a buoyant Mr Blair, excited by his first days in office, will congratulate them warmly on their success, his underlying message will be that the party can never take public support for granted and that it must govern precisely in the

way it promised.

The huge triumph last Thursday meant that Mr Blair will have some 60 ot 70 MPs more than he expected at today's meeting - and while early studies have suggested that the majority are Blairite in outlook, there are clearly more oldstyle and municipal socialists than expected. There have been inevitable worries that they will may not hold as firmly to the cautious line on spending that has been imposed

and accepted by the rest.
According to Mr Blair's aides, he will tell the MPs: "We ran as new Labour and we will govern as new Labour . . . and that the bigger than

expected majority places an added responsibility on us to do just that." The message will be that the MPs are there in such large numbers because the party ran as new Labour and they had better remember it. " according to party

Mr Blair's address to MPs is another example of his determination to keep tight, almost presidential, central control over his party and Government. While

suggestions that ministers will not be allowed to have lunches with journalists have been flatly denied. it is clear that Mr Blair has decided that the co-ordination of the Government's policies and message is

Peter Mandelson, the new Minister without Portfolio, who is one of Mr Blair's closest advisers, is to chair a daily Downing Street meeting attended by press staff from No 10. Gordon Brown's office

and John Prescott's, to determine how the Government's strategy and message will be put across. Alastair Campbell, Mr Blair's press secretary, has asked that all

requests for interviews with ministers be cleared with him, and Jonathan Powell, the Chief of Staff, has made plain that policy pronouncements should be

ordinated through him. Mr Blair is seeing teams of ministers all this week - yesterday

- to tell them what he expects of them. Downing Street insiders say the strategy is to ensure that the lessons of Opposition, including the discipline of the election campaign, are carried through into government. "The Prime Minister does not believe that that because you did the right things in Opposition you should suddenly stop in government. Ministers should understand what other ministers are doing and know the overall strategy," one insider said.

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I'm having far too much fun to put the boot in yet, says Banks

TONY BANKS behaved like him too busy having fun to any self-respecting soccer fan after a big win yesterday. He was an hour late getting back for an important date, he was still wearing his jeans, and be went straight round the cor-ner for a drink with the lads.

His date was with civil servants waiting to welcome the new Minister of Sport. He emerged from the ministerial Rover at the Department of National Heritage sporting denim jeans, scuffed Dr Marten shoes and his trademark cheeky smile, after spending extra time kicking balls around West Ham's ground. From the looks on the faces of his waiting staff, they had never seen jeans on a Minister before.

Photographers suggested a more suitable setting would be the Sports Cafe round the corner. "Yeah, let's go there," said Mr Banks, and set off at a brisk trot, leaving the civil servants he had met 30 seconds earlier gulping like gold-fish. One said: "I think things are going to be a bit different

It was suggested that he had won his new job as a tactic by Tony Blair to keep express his trenchant leftwing views. Mr Banks said: "If those were his feelings . what a lovely way to do it. He said 'I would like you to do it because you could bring a bit of fizz and spark to it. I had been wondering what I was going to be doing."

A fair indication that the

affairs of the ministry of fun were going to be more unusual than ever had come on the morning's Today programme, when Mr Banks responded to inquiries about how he would bring the 2006 World Cup to England. He could hardly be expected to have worked that out, he argued, when he didn't yet know where his department

Any Heritage mandarin who assumed he was having a little joke soon realised he wasn't when 12.30pm, his appointed arrival time at the offices off Trafalgar Square, came and went. Civil servants appeared periodically in the entrance hall and muttered to the waiting press that they weren't quite sure where he was. He was expected, "but it might be quite a while." There



Tony Banks as Minister for Sport. He said: "Give me a break. I've only just got the job. I'm not going to resign. This is like Heaven'

were rumours that he was at Upton Park, West Ham's ground in his constituency, but they didn't know why. He had indeed been at Upton Park, knocking footballs about for a camera crew on the pitch. Hence the jeans. He said: "I'm the Minister of Sport, not the Foreign Secretary. I've been at a football club. I'd look silly in a suit.

For a politician who likes sport, this is like heaven." He still wanted to become

elected mayor of London one day. Asked what he would do if he violently disagreed with New Labour policy, he flashed back: "Give me a break. I've only just got the job, I'm not going to resign."

More crucial was the question of what he would do if his presence was required on government business, say a Council of Ministers meeting. which coincided with the appearance of Chelsea in the FA Cup Final. "I wouldn't go to

the ministers meeting. I couldn't possibly," he said, dismissing the question as a very silly one indeed. "I've got a ticket. A mate queued for them." It was pointed out that getting tickets was not something he needed to spend too much time worrying about any more. Mr Banks said that he would be seeking to articulate the interests of ordinary people, but that his first priority was to find his desk.

The hovering civil servants

looked relieved as he finally made his way to the department. "This is posh, isn't it?" he said as he crossed the threshold. The press asked if they could accompany him to his office. "Yeah, come on up." he said. His private secretary looked dubious. "Er. is it strictly necessary for every-body to come?" Mr Banks marched up like the Pied

it looks like a small prison

into a modest office overlooking the National Gallery. His secretary said quickly that the department would be moving to bigger offices because there were to be four Heritage Ministers.

As he sat down at his clean desk Mr Banks noticed his In. Out and Urgent trays. "All empty. Just as I like them." he breezed. His private secretary smiled a knowing smile. "At the moment." she said quietly.

Hamiltons may yet have more news for us

By RUSSELL JENKINS

CHRISTINE HAMILTON wife of the unseated Tory MI for Tatton, is hoping that a lucrative career as an outspol enmedia personality beckons.

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Much depends on her performance on BBC2's Have I Got News For You this Friday She has admitted that she may be "eaten alive" but a pro-gramme fee of about £750 will help with legal bills.

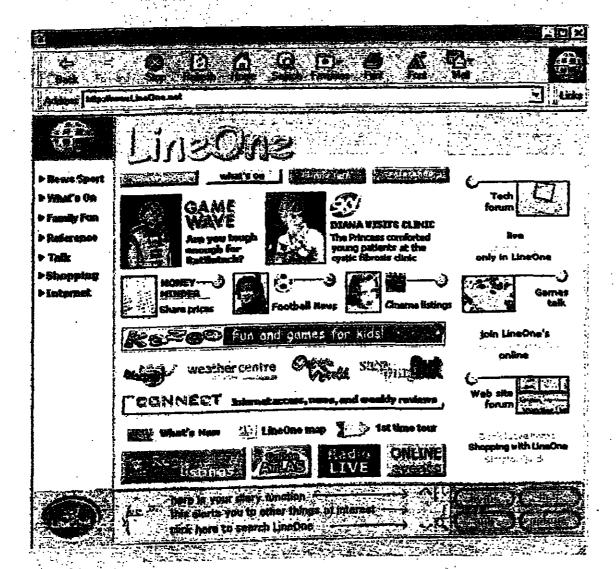
Yesterday on BBCI's Kilroy, Mrs Hamilton, 47, said that she had lost weight through worry and wakes up in the night fearful for the future. On Monday, she and her husband spoke in similar terms on BBC Radio Five Live.

Mrs Hamilton was her husband Neil's Commons secretary until Mr Hamilton, who was at the centre of the cashfor-questions controversy, was defeated at the general election by the former BBC war correspondent Martin Bell, standing as an independent. I do feel apprehensive," she said yes-terday. "We are both out of work. We are not selling the house, at least not yet, but it still worries and sickens me."

Her husband also suggested that he might be seeking a career in broadcasting. That, he claimed, was the "one place where questions about your integrity do not seem to matter". He did not think that he was "by-election material".



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Britain offered opt-out on frontier-free Europe

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

THE outline of a British exemption from a frontier-free Europe emerged yesterday at negotiations for the revamped European Union treaty, to be concluded at the Amsterdam summit next month.

The scheme, which seeks to accommodate Britain's refusal to lift passport controls, was given a cautious welcome by the new Government. The Blair administration, which embarked this week on a new relationship with its European partners, has promised to resist the Continental drive for open frontiers as strongly as its Conservative predecessor.

EU ministers acknowledged earlier this year that Britain and Ireland, which shares its passport regime, could not be persuaded to join in the move to enshrine frontier-free travel across the EU. However, the Dutch Government, which is chairing the treaty negotia-tions, waited until the Labour victory to table its draft

Doug Henderson, the new Europe Minister, told his EU colleagues that the Government was favourably disposed but could not yet pronounce on the scheme, which is based on the Schengen pact. This is a

separate agreement, signed in 1985 and now incorporating all Continental EU states, that is in partial operation already. France, Germany and the other leading states are keen

to bring the Schengen agreement inside the EU treaty as the best way of creating a promised "zone of freedom and security across the Union. Britain doubts the wisdom of incorporating the pact ready-made without spelling out in detail the obligations of states in each area of frontier control, police

Barnier: seat at table for Britain and Ireland

rules. The draft text, backed by most countries in principle. says Britain and Ireland are not bound by the Schengen agreement, but "may at any time accept some or all of the provisions".

British officials said London would require a much firmer guarantee that it would retain full authority over its own borders and complete freedom of decision on the entry of nationals from outside the EU. Continental officials hailed the scheme as the best way of creating a new British opt-out to cover its borders.

and Ireland are islands," said Michel Barnier, the French European Affairs Minister. The advantage of the Dutch plan, he said, is that it would give Britain and Ireland "a seat at the table" in decisions on frontiers and immigration.

"It is recognised that Britain

Wide differences remain among EU states on the degree, if any, to which fron-tier and police matters are brought under the jurisdiction of the European Commission and the Court of Justice. Michiel Patijn, the Dutch chairman of the treaty negotiation, said some role for the court and the Commission

would be proposed. This is resisted, however, by France, Denmark and several other states which want to keep frontiers in the domain of 'inter-governmental" decision-making rather than centralised authority in Brus-

The Dutch draft is a step towards clearing the ground for a new EU treaty in Amsterdam next month, but it has also served to highlight the differences that remain among other EU states. The arrival of Britain's new Eurofriendly Government, though delighting the rest of the EU, has exposed all the areas of disagreement among the rest of the Union.

This applied yesterday to discussion on extending majority voting in EU decision-making. With the end of the Conservative refusal to consider any reduction in the veto, it has become clear that there is no consensus yet among the rest on acceptable areas for change. The Blair Government is ready to consider majority voting on regional aid, the environment and industrial policy, but several governments are resisting the move in these areas.



A Russian Defence Ministry soldier stands to attention during rehearsals in Moscow's Red Square for the May 9 Victory in Europe military parade

Nato and Russia near deal

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN LUXEMBOURG

NATO and Russia returned to the bargaining table yesterday for what Yevgeni Primakov, the Russian Foreign Minister, says may be the final negotiations on an agreement outlining a new relationship between Moscow and the Western alliance after Nato begins its east-

Meeting in Luxembourg -the tiniest nation in the alliance - Javier Solana, the Nato Secretary-General, and Mr Primakov tried to work out the remaining details of a new Nato-Russian document. The Russians say they would like to sign the agreement at a ceremony in Paris on May 27. Nato is less confident that the negotiating session here, the fifth between Señor Solana and Mr Primakov, will be the last. But both sides reported they were getting closer

Nato wants to complete a deal with Russia before its July 8-9 summit in Madrid. where it will name the first new members from Central and Eastern Europe. Poland. Hungary and the Czech Republic are believed to be the

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monetary target FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN GERMANY'S ability to meet economic and monetary forecast will be met. union's strict entry targets were under a cloud vesterday

Shortage of jobs

threatens German

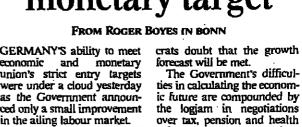
as the Government announced only a small improvement

Unemployment is still breaking postwar records the largest number out of work for April since 1945 and Bernhard Jagoda, head of the Federal Labour Agency. admitted the slight improvement was almost entirely seasonal. "Economic growth is too weak to encourage an othe Social Democrat Opposiincrease in the number of tion in negotiating change.

jobs," he said. The seasonally unadjusted figures showed unemployment falling from 4.47 million month, an 11.3 per cent rate.-But when seasonal factors were taken into account, 8.000 further jobs were lost during the past month.

The German Government had predicted a major turnaround in unemployment trends by the spring, relieving the strain on public borrow ing. It has pledged to keep the public deficit down to 29 per cent of gross domestic product just within the EMU reference value of 3 per cent.

But these plans were based on an average annual unemployment of 4.1 million and a strong 2.5 per cent growth. Export orders are booming. thanks to the mark's relative weakness, and there are signs that this is translating into higher investment and industrial orders. But Social Demo-



ic future are compounded by reforms. Yesterday Norbert Blum, the Labour Minister, appealed for progress on the most politically sensitive of those issues: pensions.

Herr Blum and the rest of the Cabinet; aware next year's elections could be lost on the issue, are anxious to involve

The Government, however, chose to treat the unadjusted rate of unemployment as a significant breakthrough. "We the jobs market. The new figures show that," said Peter Hintze, secretary-general of Kohl's Christian Democratic Union.



Blum: calling for quick overhaul of pensions

Vatican adds dash of purity to romance

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

A VATICAN-BACKED publisher is venturing into romantic fiction to try to woo Italian women away from increasingly explicit Mills & Boon-type novels.

The Blue Thread imprint's first offering, Lake of Shad-ows by Rosetta Albanese, to be published later this month, will have a "morally uplifting Catholic" ending, creating a new genre of "love stories with spirituality". Mills & Boon-style novels.

known here as pink romances, are hugely popular. Signora Albanese, who edits a women's Catholic magazine, was "aware that our readers do not exactly disdain romantic novels". She wanted to "exploit the same narrative

mechanisms to convey a different message". There was no lack of good religious writers. Signora Albanese told the Catholic daily Avvenire, but they tended to focus on "higher literature".

We are aiming at a more popular product, taking account of the need for consolation which drives our readers to buy romantic fiction," she said. "We do not want to teach women so much as to offer them models of behaviour which are not negative."

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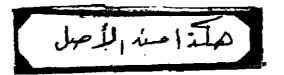
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Surviving children offer to supply blood samples 'to clear last lingering doubts'

DNA test on skull may hold answer to Bormann riddle

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

THE mysterious fate of Martin Bormann, Hitler's righthand man in the Berlin bunker may finally be re-solved after a decision by German authorities to carry out genetic tests on a skull that clude there was a possibility has been under lock and key that Bormann was still alive

or 25 years.

Some investigators believe,
A few of Bormann's survive largely on the basis of flawed ing children have agreed togive blood samples and other physical assistance to determine the authenticity of the skull. One son, 67-year-old Martin Bormann Jnr, said it was important for the family to lay his father's bones to rest and put an end to five decades of speculation about the man who broke out of Hitler's bunker in the final hours of the Third Reich.

"We can only bury him after the last lingering doubts have been cleared up," he said.

The hunt for Martin Bormann has occupied Nazihunters and Fleet Street newspapers ever since it was clear that he had disappeared in the smoke and rubble of Berlin in May 1945. As Hitler's personal assistant he profited from the growing isolation of the Nazi leader, taking on the administration of the Chancellery and almost at times running the

Bormann was sentenced to death in absentia at Nuremberg. Forced to rely on the testimony of only a few wit-

nesses --- of whom Artur-Axmann, the Hitler Youth leader, was the most impor-fant — Hugh Trevor-Roper, the British Military Government investigator, had to conclude there was a possibility

testimony from SS Corporal 6 Some said he escaped to Brazil

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living under cover in Paraguay, Chile and Argentina 🤊

Erich Wiedwald, that Bormann escaped to a refuge in Brazil, at the southernmost tip of its border with Paraguay. The largely uncharted area was full of heavily guarded farms sheltering former Nazis. Bormann, his face distorted by unsuccessful plastic surgery, was supposed to be in an estate known as Kolonie Waldner 555 (555 was Bor-mann's SS number). Other reports had Bormann living under cover in Paraguay,

Chile and Argentina. Two exhumations, the last in 1993, turned up the wrong corpses. According to one document unearthed in the Para-guayan Interior Ministry. Bormann lived in the country between 1956 and 1959 when he died of stomach cancer.

However, the Bormann trail does not always end in Latin America. In 1964 a former Nazi who was active in the postwar escape organisation Bormann to a monastery in northern Italy. He died, according to this report, in 1950.

Some of the reports were clearly motivated by cash. In the early 1960s, a former Nazi sold a story that he had worked together with Bormann in a travelling circus; Bormann was responsible for looking after the

German magazines, which became as obsessed by the subject as the British press. claimed even more fantastically that Winston Churchill brought Bormann to London after he had travelled down the waterawys of Germany in a cance for 12 days to surrender to the British. The search for Bormann

was so frenzied because of his undoubted closeness to Hitler who was godfather of his first child, Adolf. Since so many top Nazis escaped a final reckoning by committing suicide, postwar public opinion was adamant that at least one of the inner circle should be



An undated Nazi party photograph of Martin Bormann, Hitler's right-hand man, beside the skull found in Berlin in 1972 and thought to be Bormann's. Fragments of glass from a cyanide capsule were found embedded in the skull's jawbone

brought to book. The secret of Bormann's fate, however, almost certainly lay in Berlin rather than in South America. When building workers discovered two skeletons on a bridge near the old Lehrter railway station in late 1972, the German authorities were happy to declare an end to the embarrassing chase and announce that they had found

the bodies of Bormann and one of Hitler's doctors. Ludwig Stumpfegger. Splinters of glass cyanide capsules were lodged in the jawbones of both men and dental records seem to confirm the identification. The most plausible explanation was that the two men had separated from other members of the bunker escape and had killed themselves after

realising that their position The testing will be carried out by forensic scientists and geneticists under the auspices of the Federal Criminal Agency in Wieshaden who have

over the past years developed sophisticated DNA and computer reconstruction techniques. After the preliminary

1973, the German police said they would follow no further leads. But they insisted that Bormann's remains should not be cremated and the skeleton should be made avaialable if further investigation were needed.

Yet there is still a Bormann enigma. In November 1948, for example, two of the Bormann childen went on

father was still alive. Hildegard Buch, his former motherin-law, told investigators several years after the war. "As far as I know, he was still alive in 1949.1

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If the skull tests leave even a shadow of doubt, Bormann's ghost will continue to haunt newspaper columns through-



Britain to host world conference on fate of unclaimed Nazi gold

BY MICHAEL BINYON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

BRITAIN is to host an international conference later this year on Nazi gold. Robin Cook announced vesterday. All countries laying claim to the more than five tonnes still lying in the Bank of England vaults will be invited, as well as Switzerland

and is in response to an undertaking given to Greville Janner, the former Labour MP who has campaigned to have the remaining gold nsed to aid Holocaust victims.

Yesterday the Foreign Office also published a second historical note on the results of intensive investigations into files and records that have been spurred by the internareceived the gold.

neutral countries, particularly SwitThe decision is one of the first
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that some gold taken directly from Jewish victims, either jewellery, coins and ornaments or ripped from the mouths of those murdered in concentration camps, almost certainly was melted down and included in the bars of "monetary gold" traded by Germany.

Mr Cook said yesterday that there had rightly been deep international concern about the fate of the known about that dark period in Europe's past," he said.

More than 98 per cent of all the gold found in Germany after the war or paid back by the Swiss has already been distributed to claimant governments. But last year the Government halted the distribution of the remainder because of growing pressure to give it directly to victims or their families. Mr Cook work as soon as possible.

The lastest historical research shows that the Allies suspected that Germany's monetary reserve included gold seized from Jews but decided, nevertheless, to classify all gold that was remelted into bars as monetary gold that would not be repaid directly to victims.

The London conference will look

the fact that "tainted" gold had found its way into the pool strengthens the case for looking imaginatively for ways of compensating the victims or their direct

The Swiss Government, which last year announced a special fund to compensate Holocaust victims. has agreed to attend and welcomed Mr Cook's announcement.

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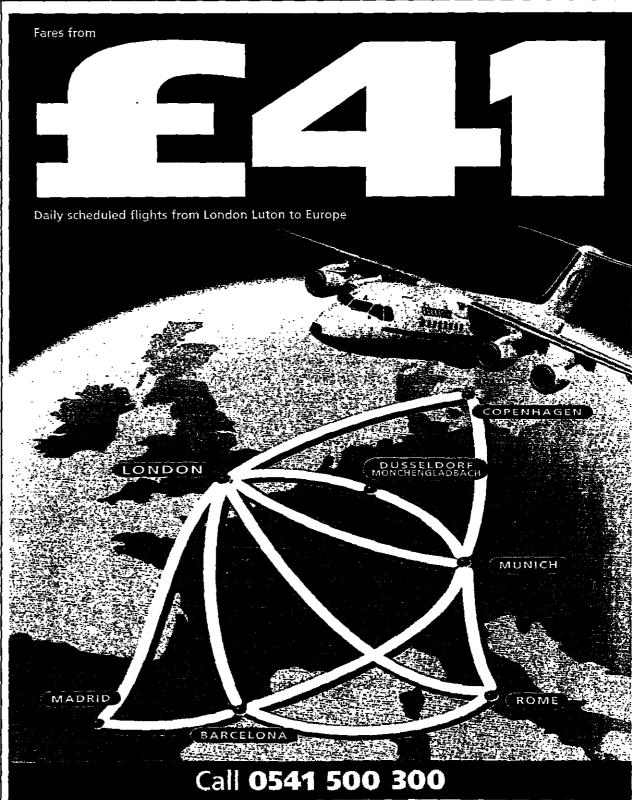


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US hopes for coup while Mobutu is away from Zaire

DIPLOMATIC efforts to massage Zaire's President out of office were intensified yesterday as Angolan guerrillas joined government forces and fought a fierce battle against rebel forces 125 miles east of Kinshasa.

The battle at Kenge, the last town on the road east from Zaire's capital, was part of an attempt to buy President Mobutu time to find a way out of office that did not mean handing power directly to Laurent Kabila, leader of the rebel alliance. However. that is exactly what American diplomats want him to do as part of what Bill Richardson, the US special envoy, called a soft landing" for the rebels

when they take Kinshasa. Kabuya Lumuna, the President's spokesman, said vesterday that President Mobutu will go to Libreville in Gabon today and return to the capital on Friday. "He is attending a meeting of heads of state." Mr

Diplomats said yesterday that the Americans hoped that the rebels would take over while President Mobutu, 66. who has cancer, is out of the country, thus preventing his presidential guard from

wrecking the capital. But the battle at Kenge indicates that the rebels may be further away from Kinshasa than they claimed. Mr Kabila had said that his men were only 40 miles from the out-



skirts of Kinshasa. The alliance leader has shown a masterful understanding of propaganda during his sevenmonth advance across Zaire. In the past, he has claimed to be closer to taking cities than he really was because the suggestion of an imminent attack caused government

forces to flee. Yesterday he intensified the psychological war by spread-ing photocopied leaflets around Kinshasa calling on all civilians to stay calm and await a "military event without precedent". The leaflets and rebel radio broadcasts also said that supporters of the rebels should identify themscarves and handkerchiefs and support those parts of the government army planning to

change sides. The leaflets had no visible effect: the streets bustled with activity and most people said that they considered Mr Mobutu's 32-year reign to be over already. We are waiting for the rebels to come and take control. But that does not issue of Mobutu. He has already lost power even if he is still in the country," Jean Matadi, a businessman, said.

Mobutu family sources continued to say that the President would not resign and that he would certainly return to Zaire after the Gabon meeting. A close family member added that government troops, augmented by at least 300 crack soldiers from Jonas Savimbi's army, the Union for the Total Independence of Angola, had fought their way past Kenge and were heading towards Kikwit, 250 miles from Kinshasa. Missionaries in Kenge said

that it was not clear who controlled the town, but they confirmed that there had been fighting, with heavy casualties on both sides. A source in Mr Mobutu's entourage said: Most of us realise that the counter-attack in the east will buy time and improve our negotiating position.

Yesterday, President Mobutu's jungle headquarters and home town of Gbadolite was ransacked and looted by members of the President's private division, rebel and other sources said.

Gbadolite, near the border with the Central African Republic, is the only village in Africa with its own international airport and five-star hotel, and is Mr Mobutu's main home. He has installed his wife, Bobby, and a team of



A Rwandan medical official in Kigali sprays disinfectant on the feet of Hutn refugees after their return by air yesterday to their homeland from Kisangani in Zaire. As they were arriving, fresh battles between rebels and government troops were beginning east of Kinshasa

UN 'fears the worst' for children at refugee camp

FROM PETER CAPELLA IN GENEVA

AT least 40 per cent of the unaccom-panied Rwandan children being cared for by the United Nations Children's Fund at Biaro in eastern Zaire are suffering from machete and bullet wounds, apparently inflicted in recent weeks when rebels attacked and dispersed the refugees.

"There are many children wounded by machetes and bullets and we cannot treat them." Marie Heuzé, a Unicef spokeswoman, said yesterday

In a statement, Médecins Sans Frontières described Biaro, a village 25 miles south of Kisangani, as a death camp", where relief workers were reduced to separating the refugees who could be saved from the

Heuze accused the rebel forces of deliberately hindering attempts to assemble unaccompanied children ready for evacuation to Kisangani and then to Rwanda. -

About 30 children were taken away by rebel soldiers in a lorry on Sunday night and abandoned by the nearby Zaire. (AFP)

dying. The organisation said that the congo river. "It makes us fear for the number of children among those worst for the rest of the children in receiving care was diminishing. Mme this camp," Mme Heazé said. "Our reading is that they did it just to throw our system into disarray."

□ Brussels: Emma Bonino, the Euro-

pean Commissioner for humanitaran action, yesterday accused Laurent Kabila, the rebel leader, of creating a

Jordan water pact hits trouble

From Ross Dunn in Jerusalem

A NEW diplomatic crisis has emerged between Jordan and Israel over shared water resources, leading to the cancellation of high-level talks.

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Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan yesterday called off a planned meeting with Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, which was meant to have been held at Naharayim - the site of the March massacre of seven Israeli girls by a Jordanian

soldier. The decision was in protest at Israel's failure to supply more water from the Jordan river under the provi-

sions of a 1994 peace treaty. The two were to have dedicated a hill of flowers in memory of the murdered girls and to have announced that Jordan and Israel would build a peace park at the site. Crown Prince Hassan cancelled a few hours before the longer convenient for him to ceremony was to be held, but travel in Israel.

found time yesterday for talks with a prominent member of the Israeli Opposition, Yossi Beilin, in Amman.

Mr Netanyahu admitted yesterday that there was a "mini-crisis" in relations between the countries.

King Hussein of Jordan has cancelled a Haifa visit next month to accept an honorary doctorate, saying it was no

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Hassan: cancelled talks

Bishop's wrath descends on Russian investigator

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

Russian Orthodox sion the problem began after Church's secretive business under an unwelcome spotlight after a bishon excommunicated a state investigator for coking too deeply into the Church's money-making operations.

In a bizarre and desperate move, Bishop German of Volgograd expelled Vyacheslav Shestopalov, a veteran investigator, after the Church's highly unorthodox methods of raising funds drew the attention of the authorities.

"We were being persecuted by the prosecutor just as we were in the days of Stalin and Khrushchev," the bishop said yesterday. "I had no way to defend myself, except to excommunicate this man who By the Church's own admis-

it embarked on a money practices have been placed making operation with the anisation he does not belong to local police whereby motorists stopped for traffic violations would be offered the reawakened interest in the choice of fosing their quiving licences or paying a "contribution" towards the building of a local church.

While the operation might seem more comic than criminal, investigators noted that large sums were being deposited in the account of a local building firm, which effectively was controlled by the

Mr Shestopalov, whose excommunication means that heis barred from sacraments and could in theory go to hell unless he repents his sins, is taking the affair lightly. "He reacted calmly to the order

because he does not believe in

God," his spokesman said. "Being expelled from an orgmakes little difference to him. Nevertheless, the move has

Church's husiness activities which last year alone accumulated hundreds of millions of pounds in commercial operations, from bottling mineral water to publishing. Some schemes seem harm-

less enough. In Moscow, for instance, cash-strapped priests have set up blessing stations on the roadside where for the equivalent of a pound motorists, can have their car blessed. ----

The area of most concern however, involves a highly lucrative import export business, which makes the Church one of the biggest players in the Russian market

Chinese rebuke to Japan

Tokyo: China delivered a stern rebuke to Japan yesterday for allowing a Japanese MP to land on the disputed Senkaku Islands in the East China Sea in a move designed to assert Tokyo's sovereignty

Kobert Wir Shingo Nishimura, a right-wing member of the opposition New Frontier Party, enraged Beijing by landing with three com-panions on one of the uniuhabited : islands claimed by China and Japanese flag. The Chinese Foreign

Ministry said the intrusion was a serious viola-tion of China's sover eignty. The landing was condemned by Ryutaro Hashimoto. Japan's Prime Minister.

Melbourne gambles on casino complex

FROM ROGER MAYNARD

THIS week's opening of the largest casino in Australia and Asia will turn Melbourne into the Las Vegas of the

southern hemisphere. The £1 billion casino site, with its hotel, convention centre, cinema complex, 52 bars and restaurants and 34 upmarket shops, dwarfs any-thing this gambling-mad na-

tion has seen before. Aimed at the Asian market, which is expected to account for a third of its revenue, analysts forecast that the Crown Casino will make £500 million in its first year alone. But sceptics believe an operation of this size has little chance of getting off the ground, and have already nicknamed it the Spruce Goose, after the American scaplane that was too big

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Clinton delivers tough message to Mexico on drugs

PRESIDENT Clinton called yesterday for a new era of close co-operation between Mexico and the United States. while delivering a tough message behind the scenes that Mexico should combat urgent ly corruption and drug traf. ficking if it wanted American

support.
The first US President to visit Mexico for nearly 20 years, Mr Clinton said that powerful currents of come can rules to expel illegal merce and culture pull us immigrants at least three powerful currents of comtogether". In Mexico City's Campo Marte parade ground, standing with his wife, Hillary, in front of massed military for a 21-gun salute, Mr Clinton added that the US needed to work urgently with its southern "amigos" to meet "com-

mon challenges Madeleine Albright, the Secretary of State, Janet Reno. the Attorney-General, and General Barry McCaffrey, the drugs "czar", also gathered in Mexico City yesterday for parallel talks with their counterparts, such is the seriousness with which America views the drugs, immigration and environmental problems along the 2,000-mile shared

Mr Clinton's plea for co-

operation comes after months and Mexico made rapid proof sharply deteriorating relations between the two countries. The arrest in February of Mexico's top counter-narcoties official for alleged links to drug cartels provoked many in Congress to try to block the annual "recertification" of Mexico as an ally in the drugs war. The Mexican Government was then infuriated last month by tough new Amerimillion Mexicans have

as well as by videos showing US border guards treating. Mexicans roughly.

Mr Clinton said yesterday that he had backed Mexico repeatedly against its critics in Congress, pushing through the North American Free Trade Agreement (Nafta) in 1993 and organising an emergency \$13 billion (£3 billion) loan during the peso crisis two years later. He backs the continuation and extension of

crossed the border illegally -

gress this summer. But the strong message he was also believed to have delivered yesterday in an hour of private talks with President Zedillo was that, unless the US

Nafta, up for debate in Con-

gress on drugs, immigration and pollution, his ability to secure support from Congress would be in jeopardy. He has said that drug trafficking and corruption threatened to undermine Mexican democracy. Secor Zedillo said yester-

day: "We appreciate President Clinton's strength of character in offering help to Mexico to overcome the economic emergency." However, on Friday Señor Zedillo dismissed America's request to arm its drug enforcement officials in Mexico, one of the main issues in dispute, prompted by the growing violence of drug gangs. It would be a clear infringement of Mexico's sovereignty, he said. Señor Zedillo is anxious not

to be seen to be soft on the US: his party, the PRI, is fighting maintain control of the federal Congress, which it has held for 68 years, in mid-term elections on July 6. Ms Albright, in Mexico

since Monday for the four-teenth meeting of the US-Mexican Binational Commission which tackles the detail of these disputes, called on Mexico to help in the fight "against the hydra-headed evil of



President Zedillo greets President Clinton and his wife in Mexico City before talks between the two leaders

drugs, corruption, moneylaundering, illegal arms trafficking and organised crime". State Department officials say that America will provide \$6 million towards Mexico's anti-drug efforts, in particular

1,200 allegedly corrupt officers who have been dismissed.

The commission also announced that the US and Mexico will share the \$250 million cost of sewage plants at the border, rapidly becoming one of the most polluted zones of either country. Rapid progress on those issues is the minimum Mr Clinton needs to press the case for Nafta, set to be one of this summer's toughest battles between the White House and Congress. □ Visit to tomb: During his visit Mr Clinton will lay a wreath at the tomb of five Mexican cadets killed 150 years ago resisting a US today for a summit of Central

Costa Rica. (AFP) **Tobacco firm wins**

Sister says McVeigh railed against 'fascist tyrants' after Waco siege



Jennifer McVeigh: court

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON TIMOTHY McVEIGH'S sis-

He ordered her to burn the ter turned on him yesterday, testifying that the chief suspect letter. A second missive, sent about three weeks before the in the Oklahoma City bombbombing, wanted to know ing told her "something big" whether the initial document had been intercepted by federal authorities.

was about to happen only weeks before the blast that Mr McVeigh, 29, faces the killed 168 adults and children. Jennifer McVeigh, 23, givdeath penalty for his role in ing evidence in Denver under the bombing, the worst terrorimmunity from prosecution, said that she had received a ist act in American history, which decimated the Alfred P. letter from her brother that appeared to signal the im-April 19, 1995.

a linchpin for the prosecution case in determining more than

Murrah Federal Building on

Mr McVeigh, his sister said, had railed against federal

Beetles fly to rescue of **Everglades**

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN

SOUADRONS of smout beetles have been airlifted to the Everglades, America's largest swamp, in a desperate attempt to stop the Australian melaleuca tree from wiping out hun-dreds of species of local plants and insects.

The tree, whose spongelike qualities were once believed to be good for swamplands, was introduced into the Everglades at the turn of the century by well-meaning tarmers. But its unforeseen proliferation bas seriously disturbed the ecological balance of the arca.

The melaleuca has colonised nearly 20 per of the 7.5 million-acre swampland. Government botanists fear that more than half of the Everglades could turn into a melaleuca forest within 50 years. The snout beetles, which kill off the trees and are also of Australian provenance, are seen as a last resort.

but talks continue

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

AN American jury has again decreed that cigarette makers owe nothing to the families of lifelong smokers who die of lung cancer. But the verdict will not stop the secret negotiations under way between the tobacco industry and a powerful coalition of anti-smoking

Jurors in Jacksonville, Florida, refused to hold R.J. Reynolds Tobacco, maker of Winston and Salem cigarettes, responsible for the death of Jean Connor. She was a bank supervisor who started smoking at 15, developed a threepackets-a-day habit and died of lung cancer at 49.

The jury heeded Reynolds's argument against sending a message that it was all right for smokers to carry on smoking because their families would collect money in the end. Lawyers for the Connor family argued in vain that Reynolds should be held accountable for knowingly selling a lethal product that was the equivalent of "candy with

razor blades inside". The six jurors, including three former smokers and an occasional smoker, found Reynolds cigarettes were not "unreasonably dangerous and de-fective" and the firm was not negligent for making them.

The tobacco industry has won in at least 19 similar civil liability cases without paying a cent in damages. There is an appeal outstanding over one award of \$750,000 (£460,000) where the late smoker had tried in vain to break the

Although the Connor verdiet was a victory for the embattled tobacco firms, they have been losing the war and suffered a serious setback two weeks ago when a judge ruled that the Government could regulate cigarettes as a drug.

The firms resumed talks in Dallas yesterday in the hope of reaching a settlement with anti-smoking forces. As envisaged, the deal would limit the firms' liability in exchange for a wide range of concessions. including government regulation, agreement to pay for anti-smoking campaigns. elimination of cigarette vending machines and an end to sponsorship of sports events.

NEWS IN BRIEF

US soldier jailed for rapes

A drill sergeant at the heart of the US Army's growing sex scandal was jailed for 25 years yesterday for raping six recruits (Ian Brodie writes).

Delmar Simpson, 32, faced a maximum life sentence for 18 counts of rape and other sex offences at Aberdeen training camp, north of Washington. He was demoted to private, forfeited pay and was dishonourably discharged.

The prosecution had urged the six jurors to impose the maximum sentence as a message to all drill sergeants that sexual misconduct would not be tolerated.

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Cluj: The bodies of 47 habies have been found in a hospital tank of formaldehyde. Under Romanian law parental consent must be given for hospitals to bury children, but many were abandoned. (AFP)

Bomb kills four

Algiers: A car bomb exploded near two schools in an Algiers suburb, killing a child and three adolescents and wounding 25 other people, officials said. There was no immediate claim of responsibility. (AP)

High earners

Lisbon: Police in northern Portugal have arrested II officials of a building company which paid its workers by giving them three daily doses of heroin and cocaine, newspaper reports said. (AFP)

Spain lashed

Barcelona: High winds swept across Spain, stranding hundreds of fishing boats in ports and causing part of a build-ing's façade to collapse in Barcelona, killing a woman pedestrian. (AP)

Grenade tragedy

Tirana: Three people were killed and ten wounded when a drunken man carrying a grenade tripped as he got on to a bus in a central Albanian town, causing an explosion. The drunk died. (Reuter)

Heston's role

Los Angeles: Charlton Heston, the actor, was elected vicepresident of the National Rifle Association at its annual conference to help lead America's beleaguered gun lobbyists back to national prominence.

Fowl weather

Beijing: A tornado which swept through eastern China killed 100,000 ducks and chickens, injured more than 30 people and damaged 23,000 acres of farmland, state radio reported. (AFP)

vised her to prolong a planned Florida spring holiday. Convicted offender 'raped girl, 7

offender, accused of raping and murdering a seven-year old giri, began yesterday (Tunku Varadarajan writes). The murdered girl, Megan Kanka, has lent her name

posthumously to legislation enacted in every American state. Known as "Megan's law", it requires convicted paedophiles to register with

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New York: The trial in New the police where they live. The Jersey of a twice-convicted sex prosecutor told the jury how Jesse Timmendequas — who lived opposite the Kankas in Hamilton Township, New Jersey, and whose criminal past was known to no one in the neighbourhood — lured Megan to his home in July 1994, offering to show her a

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merely physical evidence against Mr McVeigh. Criticism of the FBI forensic science laboratory in Washington has already undermined parts of the prosecution case, but Ms McVeigh, the alleged bomber's closest relative, yesterday provided the strongest motive for his actions. She explained his anger

over the federal siege at Waco. Texas, which had led to the deaths of 80 members of the Branch Davidian cult exactly two years before the conflagration in Oklahoma.

agents as "fascist tyrants" and "power-hungry storm troopers". During one visit in late 1994, he showed her a videotape of the Waco raid and told her he no longer felt that handing out anti-government literature was enough to tem-per the encroaching power of government. "He was not in the propaganda stage," Ms McVeigh, a student, described her brother as saying. "He was now in the action stage."

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Shape up for the summer

ARE you an hourglass, a spoon, a cone or a cube? Do you have sparrow's thighs, but the shoulders of an all-in wrestler? A wasp waist, but a pear-shaped bottom? Everyone puts on weight in the



places where nature decrees - something not taken into account by most diets. But as a nation whose twin preoccupations are food and chic, the French have the answer. For each shape, goes the latest thinking from across the Channel, a different strategy ...



THE HOURGLASS

Hourglasses have all the luck: wasp waist, curvy hips and a bosom that doesn't disappear when they start to lose weight like Anita Ekberg in La Dolce Vita. In short, it is the figure we would all like to have. So what are the problems? A tummy that tends to flab: upper arms and thighs prone to thickening, especially in winter — and a disinclination to take exercise.

SHAPING UP

You don't need to take radical measures. The goal is to keep in shape and avoid binges. Get into the habit of drinking mineral water - a litre a day. If you don't like the idea of taking strenuous exercise. consider something that is sociable and fun - aerobics classes, or better still, dance.

To lose a couple of kilos quickly, try a weekend detox diet (always consult your doctor before embarking on a

THE WEEKEND DIET On waking, drink half a litre of still mineral water.

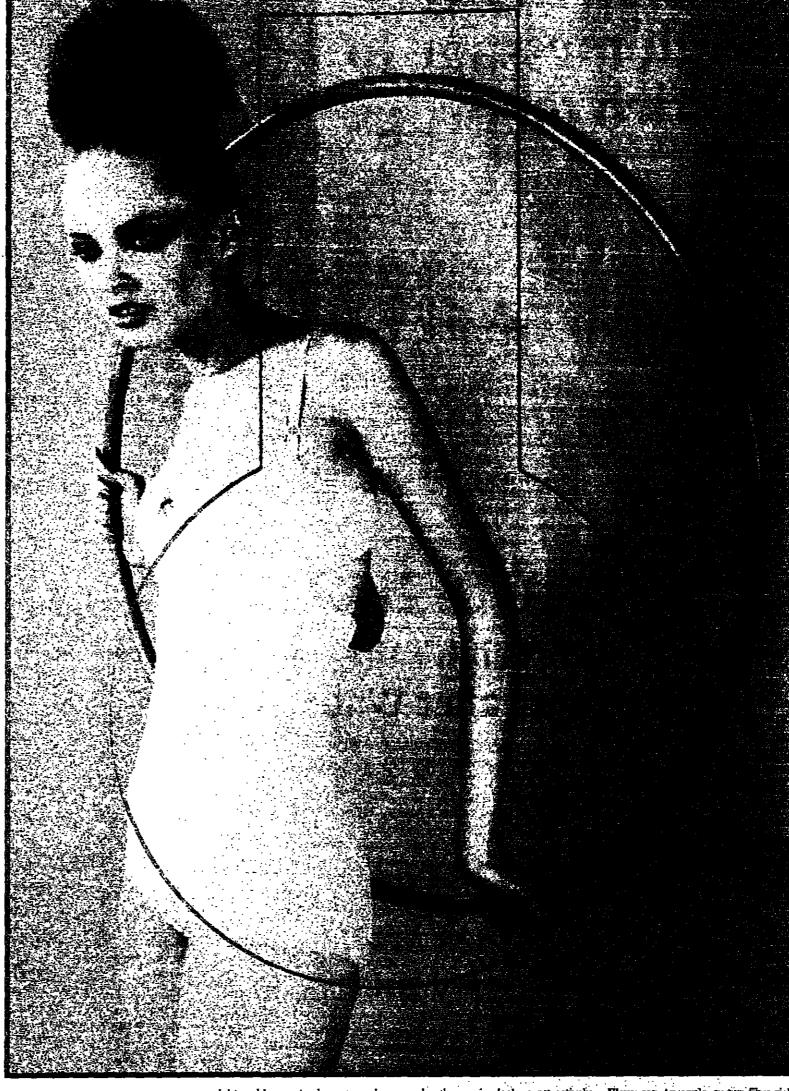
Breakfast: A bowl of skimmed milk with honey and a teaspoon of unsweetened drink-

Elevenses: An orange or grapefruit. One litre of water. Lunch: Fish steamed with herbs and olive oil, or grilled white meat, or grilled red meat, served with green vegetables. Two hours later, plain yoghurt with a teaspoon of

honey.

Tea: The juice of one lemon with water and a teaspoon of honey.

Supper: Three bowls of vegetable bouillon, then three small servings of cooked vegetables. Allow ten to 20 minutes between each serving. Bedtime: Yoghurt with a teaspoon of honey.



THE SPOON

SHAPING UP

THE DIET

Chew food properly, listen when your body tells you that you are full. Cut down on alcohol.

Breakfast: Unsweetened tea or coffee. Slice of bread, or

unsweetened cereal. One egg, or a slice of ham. Fruit. Elevenses: Yoghurt, cheese,

Lunch: Grilled white meat or fish. Potatoes or pasta, and green vegetables or salad. Tea: Unsweetened tea, bran

Dinner: Vegetable soup, white meat or fish. For something

lighter, a mixed salad with a

slice of ham, or a seafood

salad with green beans.

Spoon-shaped women are basically slim, with narrow shoulders and a flat stomach. Genetically programmed to put on weight around the hips, thighs and legs, as spoons (or pears) get older they become prone to saddle-bag thighs, fleshy knees and cellulite.

Because they are slim, spoons can

weight and have a tendency to undereat. They are hypermotivated when slimming and throw themselves into diets, ignoring the nutritional dangers, then give in and buy a chocolate bar. To break the cycle of undernourishment and abandoned diets, spoons must be tolerant of their eating habits and learn to stabilise their weight.

End the hunger strike. Do not skip breakfast and lunch. Drastic diets

make the spoon look unattractively gaunt and flat chested. Concentrate your calorie intake on the early part of the day (25 per cent at breakfast, a decent lunch, a light supper). Eat plenty of fibre and drink lots of water. You will be eating more - but better. Breakfast: An unsweetened drink. fruit. One plain yoghurt, unsweetened.

or a serving of low-fat fromage frais.

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Elevenses: An apple, or two fibre-rich crispbreads.
Lunch: Grilled turkey, veal or chicken breast or a portion of steamed fish. Vegetables or pulses with a slice of bread, pasta or rice. Alternatively, a salad of raw vegetables, egg or ham.

Breakfast: An unsweetened drink.

Two slices of wholemeal bread with a scrape of butter, or a bowl of high-fibre cereal with semi-skimmed milk. Fresh slices of ham with all fat removed. A

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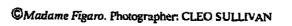


Cubes have generous hips and bosom, well-covered legs, ankles and knees. They love fast food and give in to temptation.

SHAPING UP Take dieting one step at a time. Concentrate on eating small, regular meals. Empty cupboards of "taboo" foods.

Breakfast: Unsweetened tea, semi-skimmed milk. Two slices of bread with butter and jam. Fruit. Elevenses: Fruit, yoghurt.

Lunch: White meat or fish. Pasta, vegetables. Yoghurt or fruit. Tea: Slimmer's biscuits. Dinner: Vegetable soup. Grilled lean meat or fish with green vegetables. A small piece of goar's cheese. Fruit.







Shirley Williams held her kmife and fork in her fists'



Terence Conran is a man of achievement but no intellectual. I suppose I make him feel inferior'



'Mrs Thatcher's decor was suburban hairdresser'

My first three weeks as Director of the V&A have been hell. The dreary Civil Service ness of it all, the terrible forms, files; the smell of Jeyes Fluid, files, the smell of Jeyes Fluid, the dirty loos — all the things I can't stand, but I will change it, and I am. I want to get the 20th century into that place and make it alive and a comment on our times.

September 20, 1975 It has been a very tough 18 will to fight. months. Of all the battles those with the unions have been most unbelievable. Their great objective is to achieve a union closed shop. Above all. there must be no changes.

October 8 There are intrigues going on for the replacement of Hugh Jenkins [Minister for the Arts]. thank God. The man is an idiot, dangerous and dim.

it began when I was summoned, together with Margaret Weston. Director of the Science Museum, to the DES. The meeting was confidential. No one was to be told what happened there, which was a request that we were to do an exercise as to how we would cut our staff by up to 25 per cent. I came back to the V&A with my world shattered. On November 2 the entire staff of the Museum was gathered into the Raphael Cartoon

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Court. I then read out wha was to happen, my voice choked with emotion and the tears welling. I walked away alone, broken and defeated.

All one was left with was the

went to the Minister of Educations's office for the presentation of a medal. The Minister, Fred Mulley, is a north-country slob, coarse of feature, not very bright but affectionate and good in his handling of the occasion. The office was still largely with Mrs Thatcher's decor, suburban hairdresser style. The Permanent Secretary, Sir Wil-1976 ham Pile, was very funny If I had to choose one year in about her. His most revealing my life which I would never: moment with her, he said, was wish to relive, this would be it. when [during the Jellicoe af-- tair i she had steeled herself ut one day, when travelling in the back of a car with him, to ask: "Did men really pay that kind of money for that sort of thing?" She lives in a world apart, unaware of how most of the population lived.

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floor but afterwards she came

up to me and rather sweetly

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That I thought rather marvel-

The fall of Norman St John-

Stevas was very sudden. I had

guessed ages before that his

successor would be Paul Chanon and I

was right and it

was a great relief.

Norman had done

well by the Arts but

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At Clarence House.

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capricious.

April I

Everything here in Britain is so gloomy. The main theme is can we or can we not survive until the 1980s without a collapse of society as we know it. One is confused, bewildered, despairing.

November 15 ·

We went to the Royal Box at Covent Garden as guests of John and Anya Sainsbury Shirley Wi new Secretary of State for Education) and Professor Anthony King as the other guests. Mrs Williams strikes one as oddly short, but that is because she seems to have no neck. She moves awkwardiy and I noticed that she held her cutlery in her fists and gesticulated with her knife and fork as she spoke.

Anthony King, with whom she lives, is an overweight provincial academic from the University of Essex. She clearly needs him as a prop, whereas Mrs Thatcher could manage without Denis!

October 17

We drove back from the country early to have dinner with Arnold Goodman. I was able to draw him to one side and say that I wanted to see him about disestablishing the museum. He didn't bat an eyelid. He warned me of the dangerous position in which I was putting myself. I was not to be seen to be pushing the cause and must opt out from now on until it could be brought into the open. He began to think that a letter to The Times could be written signed by the key names Would I write a draft? This I did and delivered by hand the next morning.

February 14, 1980 Having lived through four changes of Minister for the Arts since 1974, one gets used to them coming and going. I was not heartbroken to see Jack Donaldson make an exit.

Day Three of our series: conflict with the unions, intrigue among the Trustees

He was a nice man, but too feeble. Norman St John-Stevas is far more complex. It is too simplistic to say that he's a nasty man but one who will problems start and finish with his personality. He likes the hired domestic grand style and having Princess Margaret to dinner. Indeed he's obsessed with HRH, with whom

he makes a not uninteresting parallel. Like her he has a sharp, quick mind and wit, but unlike her, his has been trained by education. Like her he is a person of total irrational caprice.

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Thatcher, saying how pleased were with Paul Channon. She food was filthy and the speeches very dull. I seized my looked amazingly fresh considering the battering she'd chance to tell the Prime Minisundergone. Yes, she was pleased with Paul too. Yes, ter that the poor V&A mustn't be sacrificed yet again because of Civil Service cuts. She sailed Norman was too much. Look on, saying that she had given at the way he'd done his office the Arts masses of money. up, she exclaimed. No sense of During her after-dinner economy. Not a penny had speech extolling her munifibeen spent on 10 Downing cence in terms of cash to the Arts, she interjected: "In spite of what Dr Roy Strong says." I

We went to lunch, where Reta Casson explained to me how bitter Norman had felt at

TOMORROW

'I have never felt anger, rage and resentment so deeply as I did in my early teens'

Sir Roy Strong on his father

being thrown out. So much so that he had had to go into a retreat for a few days to calm his mind.

William Rees-Mogg came to lunch. I wanted to know what exactly he wanted to do with the Arts Council. He's a shy. very sweet man, a mixture of boyish glances and then digninea weighty pronc As one suspected it is Tory radicalism in the Arts. "In other words," I said to him, "we're out to convert all those people who are now buying

We are moving swiftly into Trusteeship. The new Minister for the Arts, Lord Gowrie. is an old friend from the swinging Sixties. Peter Carrington, the incoming Chairman, is, I need hardly say, a sharp cookie and very funny.

their council homes."

April 24, 1985 This is an odd, interim year. We are progressively involved in deadlock with the Trustees. On April 22 the Trustees had a meeting at Apsley House when [Terence] Conran from the outset seemed never to listen and, I noticed, yawned and leaned backwards.

Over lunch Conran behaved like a sansculotte triumphant. I put before them again the superb bust by Roubillac of Lord Chesterfield. "What do we want work by that foreigner for? I know someone who can make a copy of that, so that you'd not notice the difference. Why can't we share with the National Portrait Gallery and shunt it to and fro?" Thus Terence Conran. This is a man of achievement: yet he's no intellectual and I suppose I make him feel inferior and so as usual he bullies his way through.

Trustees' meetings have devel-

affairs. They have proved a real collection of weathercocks. Carrington was completely flattened by Grey Gowrie, who told him that Getty had given the National Gallery £50 million. In the taxi back from White's, he said he had been a failure. He has. So have all the Trustees.

On the whole the media have gone along with our policy of voluntary admission charges. On the day it began there was the usual rent-a-picket from the left wing, the stars

(including the playwright Col-in Welland) were photographed by the media and went. It all blew over by A long talk with Mary Giles on Sunday. Yes, there had

been a strong move to get rid of me by a group of Trustees earlier this year. Gowrie too, I was told, wished this to happen. "He was no friend to you," Mary said.

May 28, 1986 A party at 28 Upper Phillimore Gardens given by Evelyn and Victoria de Rothschild. The Cabinet was heavily in evi-

dence: Nigel Lawson looking more and more like George IV in decay, and pinch-faced Norman Tebbit whom I bearded and discomfited by introducing myself and saying: "You and I are the only people in public life with this one thing in common. We went to the same grammar school."

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I found myself at the Princess of Wales's table, too distant to speak. It was interesting to study the Princess. The freshness and bloom had gone. Now she was thinner and sharper of feature with a hard jutting chinkine and hair lacquered to the point of snapping. She doesn't hold herself well and her dress was rather sleazy with huge puff sleeves. When the dancing began we

February 24, 1987 Soon after I announced my resignation from the V&A we bumped into Peter Hall, Maria Éwing and child. "We're leftovers from the Sixties, for yourself." Peter then said that he had been working on his exit for four years. I said

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that I had for three.

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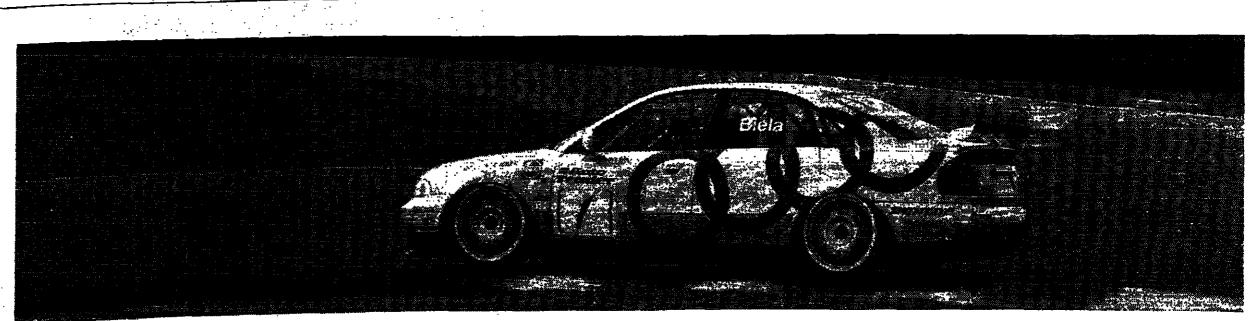


Fig. 11. The water-lily fold for table napkins

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A steel cage for the Iron Chancellor

Brown is throwing away the key

to policy, says Anatole Kaletsky

Dhilip Snowden. Stafford Cripps, James Callaghan, John Smith and now Gordon Brown. Nearly every Labour Chancellor (and Chancellor) has started off by trying to insure his party against the innate hostility of financial markets by locking the pound in a golden casket and throwing away the key. All of Mr Brown's predecessors lived to regret their servitude to whatever happened to be the City's opinion at the time — on the gold standard in the 1920s and 1930s, on the post-war parity against the dollar in the 1940s. on devaluation in the 1960s, on the exchange-rate mechanism in the 1980s, and today on the need for an independent cen-

In this sense, Mr Brown's surprise announcement yesterday should hardly have been surprising. Why, then, did it surprise even the Gover-nor of the Bank of England

Partly, of course, because everyone, maybe even the Governor, assumed that a change of such far-reaching importance would either have been announced in Labour's manifesto or would have been preceded by lengthy consulta-

Papers. parliamentary debates and so on. After all, Tony Blair himself said yesterday that this was "the biggest

in economic policy-making in Britain since World War Two". One wonders

how many more decisions of such importance have been kept back from the manifesto. to be rushed out at hurriedly assembled press conferences during a parliamentary recess. If this is what happens when a fresh-faced idealistic Government is still in the first ity and open democratic debate, how will these people behave after they have tasted

power for more than five days? But leaving aside the constitutional nicety that nobody has voted for this reform, what is wrong with making the Bank independent?

The two economic principles behind central bank independence are that inflation is always and everywhere a monetary phenomenon, and that there is never a political choice to be made between curbing inflation and encouraging economic growth. Most economists believe them and therefore support independent central banks. Unfortunately, like many of the things believed through the ages by most economists, both of these statements are mainfestly false. This is why central bank independence is rarely sufficient to curb inflation and is often the cause of prolonged recessions - as in Germany over the past three years.

made a success of central bank independence have done so by gradually moving away from the monetarist view that monetary policy should concern itself solely with controlling inflation. In America, the Fed is explicitly charged with achieving the highest possible rate of growth and employment consistent with mone-

tary stability. This is a far cry from the virtually exclusive preoccupation with prices in Germany and at the new Bank of England.

Even in America, however, independence brings a serious problem. Once they abandon thorities can use two main tools for managing the economy: interest rates, and the fiscal balance between taxes and public spending. These rools must be used in close coordination. But if the central bank is independent, there can be no guarantee that changes in fiscal policy (for example. an increase in taxes) will be balanced by corresponding monetary moves. Because the government can never be sure that the bank will reward a tougher fiscal policy with lower interest rates, unpleasant fiscal decisions tend to be put off until they are forced by a crisis. Central banks. on the other hand, keep interest rates up for months or years ahead of rough Budgets because they do not trust governments to raise tax. Anyone who thinks that a damaging policy standoff between a government and an independent central bank

should recall the budgetary paralysis in America in the 1980s or Control by the stalemate over fiscal and monetary policy in Germany

is just a theoretical curiosity

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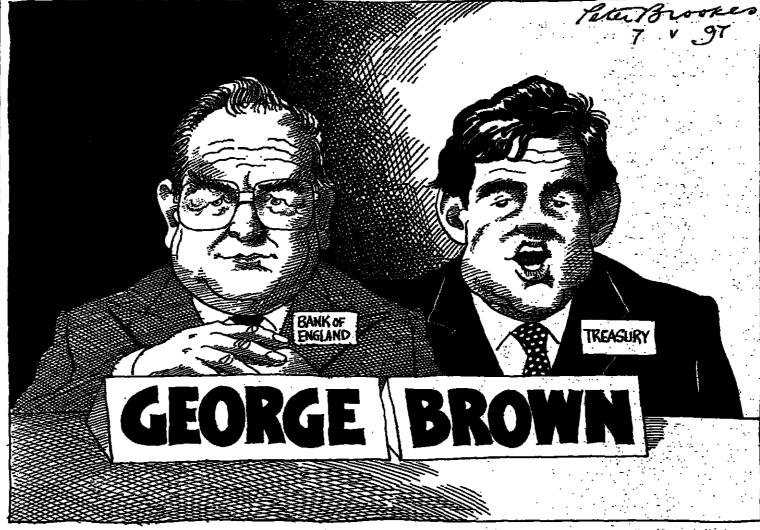
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these past three Now consider the present economic situation in Britain. The economy needs

a tighter fiscal policy, accompanied by a lower interest rate and a lower exchange rate. To achieve this rebalancing, interest rates and tax policy have to be moved at the same time. But can the Bank now be relied on to deliver the monetary easing that should go with higher taxes? from the overvalued pound, support the Chancellor's plan to deflate the economy by raising taxes, if he cannot guarantee a payoff in lower interest rates and a more competitive pound?

s it happens, Mr Brown will probably get away with it this time. Eddie George is eager for reappointment and is likely to oblige with lower interest rates and a helpful attitude to the pound. He made a point of stating yesterday that "the pound is uncomfortably strong and is not likely to be sustained at this level into the medium term". But will he be so obliging once he is reappointed for a further five years? And what will happen when the Bank and the Government start to disagree about where the economy should be going?

Freeing the Bank of England may seem like a clever wheeze in the short term, winning financial Brownie points. But sooner or later economic conditions will turn more hostile. Only then will the new arrangements be tested — perhaps to destruction. The more I think about it, the more Mr Brown's sudden announcement reminds me of John Major's equally unex-pected and "irreversible" decision to join the exchange-rate



"WE OFFER A COMPLETE BREAK WITH THE PAST ...

Blair's major-generals

am a sucker for new dawns. The rose bursts early from its bud. Happy children skip across village greens. Cats stretch in the sun. Old women clutch their pension books and murmur, "God bless you, Tony". Every little breeze seems

to whisper "Cherie".

That was on Saturday. On Sunday a cold front swept in from North Utsira and winter returned. I was driving through the Pennines and sleet bucketed from leaden clouds. New Labour, new weather, someone said in a pub. The radio began pouring out a stream of bulletins from London.

The news was that Roundheads had arrived in Downing Street. Horses were neighing in the courtyard. Spurs clanked into the Cabinet Office. Ironside fists swept papers from desks and helmets crashed onto tottering hat-stands. God's Englishman had won the war and would generals in attendance.

Every new ruler is dazzled by the perks of office, yet equally convinced of its unprecedented impotence. Tony Blair finds himself head of the most dominant executive in the Western world. He need fear no constitutional check on his powers, no balancing legislature or supreme court. Like Cromwell, he can disregard the monarchy, abolish the Lords and treat Parliament as a cypher. Despite a minority popular mandate, he enjoys the public's goodwill. He can play the game of power any way

he likes. He clearly means to play it strong. Ben Pimlott records in his biography of Harold Wilson that 1964 saw a horde of political appointees sweep into Downing Street, ostensibly to stop the Civil Service impeding Labour's "New Britain", an opaque concept then as now. The team moved into every attic and cupboard. Marcia Williams, George Wigg, Tommy Balogh, Trevor Lloyd-Hughes, John Allen. Gerald Kaufman, pitched camp in Marcia's eyrie and declared war on two foes, the Civil Service and ministers outside the loop. The cabal

was intensely unpopular. When Margaret Thatcher came to power, her most memorable state-ment on Whitehall reform was that she did not believe in kitchen cabinets. "My political advisers are my Cabinet," she said. This was not wholly true, but the Downing Street court was never a standing army against the party or Civil Service. Power lay with officials, such as Clive Whitmore, Charles Powell and BerThe Cromwellian temptation is hard for Labour's Roundheads to resist

nard Ingham, whose loyalty was tested not on the hustings but in the more subtle battles of Whitehall. Mr Blair is reverting to the Wilson model. He believes that John Major

failed because he lacked control over his Government, Labour won a victory under a leadership utterly in command of the party as a fighting machine. Discipline was total, down to speeches, clothes, demeanour on election night, even the interpretation of history. To Mr Blair, the techniques that won the election must

now be thrown at "winning" government. His commanders in the field must change their battledress for silk stockings, but keep Simon

Note the spin on this week's Downing Street appointments. Peter Mandelson's task in the Cabinet Office is to "create a strong

centre in government so that all its various arms and departments have a very clear sense of their own direction". He is to become "pro-active on important social issues co-ordinated from the centre" and be charged with something called "strategic implementation". The press secretary, Alastair Campbell, has ordered that all ministerial interviews and statements be cleared with his office (a task at which even Lenin would have balked). Sally Morgan, the political secretary, is charged with "making

sure the party marches in step with the Government".
This team is bristling with machismo. Yesterday it was announced that Cabinet Office "pro-active" committees on domestic policy, with their own secretariats and advisers, will be taking the lead in social policy reform. They, rather than the relevant spending departments, will be the engines of change under new

Labour. When I saw the word strategic in this spin, I shuddered. Mr Blair's team has been impressed by the Heseltine "morning meeting" of the past two years. But the purpose of this meeting was political and tactical. Downing Street is not a strategic department. It regards policy strategy as being for wimps, think-tanks and

departmental ministers. It worries about morning papers and evening newscasts. What makes Downing Street smile is a point scored on the Today programme or a fee traduced by the Daily Mail.

Political appointees in Downing Street are instinctively on a war footing. They need an enemy or they lose thrust and cohesion. Yet as Gibbon observed, nothing is more dangerous to an emperor than a Praetorian guard without an enemy. The structure of power that Mr Blair seems to be putting in place is not so much presidential as antagonistic. The

personalities are the sort who will heatseek enemies to re-Militant Tendency, Clause Four, old Labour and John

Major. There will be no shortage. The great contest of every government is between

the Treasury and the rest. It is between the "great fact" of the budget arithmetic and the massed pressures of voters, lobbies and spending departments, all eager to contest the fact. In Mr Blair's Government, everything will turn on this struggle. Spending plans will obsess the 300 under-employed Labour backbenchers. They will obsess the media. They will obsess a public stirred by Mr Blair to a feverish expectation of newness, change and betterness.

y reading of this week's appointments is that the Treasury under Gordon Brown will be tougher even than under Kenneth Clarke. If Mr Brown is to be cast as the composite Stafford Cripps and Denis Healey of new Labour, he will get his retaliation in first. He has already announced his wish to fulfil Lord Lawson's ambition and make the Treasury the supremo of domestic policy. How else can resources be properly planned?
These battles will have two out-

comes. First the Treasury will win more often than lose, because Downing Street's concern will be increasingly with short-term politics and presentation. Second, the life of a spending minister will be wretched

beyond belief. Trapped between Treasury targets and Downing Street interference, departments such as the Home Office, education, health and environment will degenerate into little more than cash-limited agencies. My sympathies go out to the hapless John Prescott. He will be overwhelmed by his giant new environment department, while Messrs. Mandelson, Powell and Campbell e-mail him orders on the Downing

Street web-site. If ever there was a Cinderella passage in a manifesto, it was Mr Blair's attack on the over-centralisation of government, its bureaucracy and lack of accountability under the Tories. This precisely mirrored Margaret Thatcher's attack, before taking office, on Britain's "centralising, managerial, bureaucratic, interven tionist" style of government. Such is the effluvium of all oppositions undercentralised constitutions. As Prime we must centralise before we can decentralise.

Yet she did restore some status to the Cabinet as an institution of government. She never made it a deliberative forum — it was too leaky for that - but she did use it as a parliament of government, balancing the wings of the party, acting as lightning-conductor for trouble and as a tournament in which ministers reputations could rise and fall. When she began to ignore her Cabinet after the 1987 victory, her slide began.

Mr Blair is approaching power with belt and braces. Against all aca-demic analysis, he seems to believe that Downing Street is not a strong institution of modern government, but a weak one. Cabinet government must be not pluralistic or open, but regimented from the centre. The centre must equally be ready for total war. This aggressive philosophy of government is bold. It defies the maxim that absolute power corrupts. It also challenges the democratic organism to develop its own antibod-ies. These will emerge, among Labour's unwieldy backbenchers, in the press, in the opinion polls, in some massed rebellion of spending

ministers. The more overbearing Mr Blair's new structure, the sooner they will emerge. To the charge of hypocri-sy, new Labour already has its answer. In matters of government, hypocrisy is about timing.

I suppose only timing will slipw. One thing at least is exhibitanting about new dawns. A whole new day lies ahead. That is 24 hours in which the sceptic can be proved wrong

The price of a Tory obsession

Sir Leon Brittan

says Europe could cost two elections

Je Conservatives lost the election, and lost heavily, because we allowed the campaign to obscure our compellir message on the economy and expose our divisions over Europe instead. To go further in a Eurosceptic direction now would mean that we will lose the next election as well and risk being out of office for a generation.

Europe was never going to win us this election. Even if the persistent campaign of the Eurosceptics was as popular as they claim, the guif between the two parties was far too wide to have been bridged by John Major coming out against the single currency. Anyway, most ministers were fighting on a strongly Eurosceptic ticket, denouncing the Labour Party as being ready to sell out to Chancellor Kohl. All Eurosceptics knew that the Tories leaned furthest in that direction. Much good it did us.

The electorate can digest only a few issues during an election campaign. Because of their obsession with the single currency, the sceptics never let the campaign sink its teeth into the greatest vote-winner of all, the strength of the economy. That was the Tories' strongest card, but it needed playing day after day. Instead the campaign kept on being diverted back to Europe. The single currency is indeed a vital issue, but the allparty commitment to a referendum should have made it irrelevant to this

election. Some of the sceptics genuinely thought they were tapping a hidden resource of fear among the British, who would east their votes accordingly. They did not. For others, winning the election was never the prime object. The nation has been subjected for several mounts to the unedifying spectacle of would-be party leaders parading their populist distaste for Europe beneath a veneer of support for the Prime Minister. This turned the stomach of traditional Conservatives, for whom loyalty is a key virtue.

We paid dearly for it. At the root of the Tories' difficulties has been a serious miscalculation about people's basic attitude towards Europe. That error could keep us out of power for a long time to come. The stepties have mistaken people's nag-ging doubts about the aims of Euroantipathy towards the whole enter-prise. The British are patriotic, doughty defenders of their sovereignty and traditional way of life. They are also pragmatic, and know that we must fight to get the best deal we can. They know that for things to stay as they are, things sometimes have to change. That readiness to change brought Margaret Thatcher to office, it kept John Major there for more than six years, and it is the only. platform upon which the Conservatives will return to power in future.

Turoscepticism exists right across Europe, and so it should It acts as a healthy check on those in positions of power. But there is one clear difference between the British and continental varieties: In Britain, Europe is seen as a threat in other countries it is an opportunity. The option of withdraw al permeates the statements of British sceptics and is office the logical—if unspoken—conclusion of their arguments. Elsewhere, pros and antis alike feens on how to work Europe's machinery to their own

advantage.

Herein her one of the greatest immies to the history of European microstage of all EU members, British the country whose ideas are country praking the most headway in Phrope. Privatisation, deregulational designation is provided to the privation of man decible labour markets, sound getary and fiscal policies, free trade, agricultural reform and enlargement to the east were anathema to the European Community just ten years ago. They are all now main-stream policies. Never mind whether Tony Blair has bought shares in Thatcherism. The European Union itself is becoming Conservatism with large. Even the single currency is proving a powerful incentive to bring about the structural reforms in Europe that Britain undertook in the 1980s. How bizarre that the Consernative legacy is being disowned by many in the Conservative Party, now first it has a Suropean label.

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Surope divides both major parties.
Only by drawing the party political spoises but of Burope can the issues the sizes the nation informed, and the covernment allowed to negotiate the best deal for Britain. John Major broke the ice by promising a free vote on the stage currency. The idea that this should become the norm on all European issues has much to com-Now's the crucial time to influence

egents in Europe Britain must channel as energy into securing the erilangement of the EU. It must push for reloving that will make a wider EU more workable, whilst safepriarring its own prominent place in decision making. These are major British aims, for which deals must be struck and, if necessary, concessions: made. We must start seeing Europe, not as a federalist conspiracy but as a hugely serious game of national nterest that Britain can win, if it

plays its cards right P·H·S The author is Vice-President of the European Commission.

And he's off

Cook has been quick to make his mark. The Foreign Secretary, a man of the turf to the tips of his brogues, broke off his first briefing by officials on European policy to watch the races.

Just 24 hours after his appointment, Cook adjourned a lengthy meeting on the forthcoming intergovernmental conference, picked



Cook: dead cert

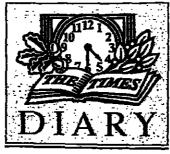
up his form book and turned to the telly for the Pertemps Two Thousand Guineas at Newmarket.

The meeting had lasted for two hours," Cook says, "and I knew it would run and run, so at 3pm I politely asked the parliamentary under-secretary and his colleagues to leave the room for half an hour so that I could enjoy the big race on

At the Foreign Office yesterday. staff were mugging up on the horses so as to be able to suck up to their new boss, whose selection for the race, Revoque, narrowly failed to land a double,

Cook plans to continue as racing tipster for The Herald in Glasgow. to which he was filing copy within two hours of being appointed Foreign Secretary. On arriving the next morning at the Foreign Office, he ordered his secretary to cancel some tabloids and order The

■ Home Office staff should never go hungry. Jack Straw, the new minister, has announced through the Central Office of Information



public school puds, too. "He likes to make meringues, treacle tarts. roly-poly and spotted dick." explains his secretary.

Flying party

PALMA, Majorca, is a place best avoided for the next day or so. A plane-load of Referendum Party and Natural Law Party supporters are in full cry there, enjoying a beano courtesy of Thomson Holidays. Thomson advertised a free holiday and flight on a chartered plane for 280 losing election candidates and spouses on a first-come, first-served basis. The frightful RP crowd, along with fanatical yogics, were first off the mark for the that one of his recreations is four-day junket, which finishes on

Thursday. Conservatives were apsome wincingly modern hotels in parently too dumbstruck by their New York, says in Harpers & defeat even to apply. Queen that he wants to open a new version in Soho. In its heyday, the studio attracted the likes of Andy Warhol, Mikhail Baryshnikov, Mick Jagger.
Truman Capote and Liza Minelli.

Starry-eyed

STUDIO 54, the notorious 1970s Manhattan nightclub where drugs went down like sherbet and rock stars grappled with duchesses on the floors of unisex bathrooms, is to reopen in Soho.

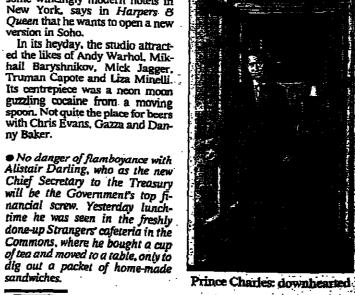
Ian Schrager, who owned the original Studio 54 and now runs



Bleak picture

sandwiches.

GLOOM ALL ROUND as the latest official portrait of the Prince of Wales is unveiled today. In the por-trait by Michael Noakes, the Prince is standing at the door of his Highgrove drawing-room looking glum. Noakes, who was commissioned by the Royal College of



Psychiatrists, defends his portrait saying: "I've shown a man with intelligence who has a sad side to his life. I am not implying that the Prince of Wales lacks a sense of humour. During one session I spilt paint on my speciacles and he could hardly control himself."



CREDIBILITY IN THE BANK

Now Labour can resist the lure of the single currency

Gordon Brown, the new Chancellor, has hit above other priorities. This is fine when the the ground not so much running as sprinting. On the second business day since Labour formed the Government, he announced the biggest change in economic policy since the pound joined the exchangerate mechanism. His plan to give the Bank of England the power to set interest rates came in a dawn raid that left heads spinning in the City, Fleet Street and Westminster.

Labour had hinted at reforming the Bank in its manifesto. But nowhere did the party propose to make it almost wholly independent from the Government Indeed, Mr Brown often said that any decision on independence would have to follow an assessment of the Bank's long-term track record in giving policy advice. This assessment now seems to have been made in Opposition with a view to instant independence in Government. But that was never made clear.

It is easy, however, to see why the option is attractive to a Labour Chancellor and might be attractive to a country facing a term (or maybe two) of the party in power. Every Labour Government has been the victim of a sterling crisis. Just as Britain's departure from the ERM in 1992 marked the beginning of the end for the Major administration, so did the devaluations of 1931, 1949, 1967 and 1976 toll the dead bell for those Labour Governments. Taking monetary policy out of the hands of the Chancellor and giving it to the Bank of England makes such disasters less likely.

The new arrangement should lead to more stable monetary policy. It will improve the Government's credibility in the markets - as evidenced by yesterday's rise in gilt prices. That should help to bring interest rates generally lower. But it will also help Mr Brown's credibility with his own party. If his MPs clamour for higher spending he will be able to explain that the Bank will simply raise interest rates to punitive levels if he runs a loose fiscal policy.

But there are dangers too. An independent Bank will be tasked to put low inflation

economy is growing. But what would the Bank have done in September 1992, when the recession-hit country desperately needed lower interest rates in order to recover? Inflation was then at 3.6 per cent, more than a point above the Bank's current target Would it have had the imagination to cut rates regardless?

An even bigger danger looms. This step could be seen as the precursor to Britain joining the single currency. Mr Brown was at pains to point out yesterday that it was "highly unlikely" he would join in 1999. But making the Bank of England independent is a step that would have to be taken first.

This form of independence does not in itself, however, chime with European demands. The Bank of England will not set its own inflation target; that will be decided by the Government. And the Chancellor will both appoint his own people to the monetary committee determining interest rates and send a representative from the Treasury to sit in on the meetings. To make the Bank conform with the Maastricht criteria would require extra legislation.

Indeed, it could be argued that an independent Bank of England makes British membership of a single currency less likely. Some of Labour's enthusiasm for EMU rests on the very desire to hand over responsibility for the currency to a more disciplined outside force; that has already been achieved by yesterday's move. If a Labour Chancellor does not trust himself - or does not expect the markets to trust him - to run the economy prudently, he is right to look for a prop. An independent Bank of England is a far superior prop than EMU would be.

The interest rate for a single currency will be set with regard to the average performance of its members' economies. As we saw in the ERM, these rates could be wholly inappropriate for an individual country in the system. At least the Bank of England will be looking at the British economy alone when it sets interest rates. Mr Brown has gone this far; he need go no further.

An early sign of Labour's foreign policy approach

THE GOLD CONFERENCE

At first glance it might seem odd that, with such a crowded foreign policy agenda, one of . . the first decisions taken by Robin Cook deals gold dealings after the war. with an issue already more than 50 years old. Yet his announcement yesterday that "that the bars of gold found in Germany Britain is to host an international conference later this year on Nazi gold may be more than just the swift implementation of a preelection promise to Greville Janner, a former Labour MP. Mr Cook wants also to signal that moral considerations will be further to the front of British foreign policy.

The conference will be part historical, part policy-making. The aim is to bring together all the experts and historians who have uncovered the uncomfortable facts that wartime allies and neutrals have tried to suppress. It will also bring together the Swiss Government and Jewish groups, the two sides whose initial antagonism was making Nazi gold a new source of bitterness and recriminations. Switzerland has now set in train a thorough examination of its bank records and has promised a substantial sum in payment to organisations helping the victims of the Holocaust. Jewish groups, in turn, have abated their calls for a boycott of -Swiss banks.

The conference, however, need not focus on blame or guilt. No one is now alive who took the original decisions that now appear so callous and so uninformed by moral sensibility. Questions of later cover-ups by banks and European foreign ministry officials will, however, need to be examined. The Foreign Office yesterday produced a second volume of historical notes on the gold issue. It is a succinct and well-rounded account which gives stark evidence of the as true today as it was in 1945.

compromises, confusion and bureaucratic insensitivity that characterised the allied

Representatives of the Allies well knew probably contained metal wrenched from the teeth of concentration camp victims. They admitted that this was a "problem", in the callous parlance of the time. Yet they decided that for ease of accounting they would classify all tainted bars as "monetary gold" rather than gold for which restitution should be made to victims. Even in the early postwar years, when Europe was numbed by the horrors uncovered after victory, these were nasty decisions.

Mr Cook rightly insisted that all Foreign Office records should be made available; the Americans, who will later this week publish the results of their researches, have also insisted on opening up to scrutiny hundreds of thousands of official documents. The findings may be embarrassing, even shameful. But it is right to publish them.

Malcolm Rifkind was also sympathetic to calls for greater light on this dark issue. But Mr Cook has, in his first working day in office, made clear that it is not only in historical matters that the Foreign Office must show more transparency. Nor is the moral dimension to be confined to the past: human rights are set to be a touchstone of Labour policy, affecting arms sales, relationships with rogue states and doubtless a mass of hard cases. But, as the gold issue has demonstrated, it is all too easy to take bureaucratic policy decisions that wholly ignore the need for justice to victims. That is

AN ORANGE READ

Here is a shortlist that gives literary prizes a good name

The literary world offers glittering prizes to all and sundry. There is the Booker, the Whitbread, the Somerset Maugham, the Thumping Good Read; the list goes on and on. Last year the name of Orange was added to this roll, reviled in some quarters and revered in others for selecting not by nationality but by sex: women only, please. "Outrageous", said some; "wouldn't be tolerated the other way round". "Redressing a balance," said the rest; "about time, too." And then there were those who wondered what purpose yet another book prize might serve. Why should the tastes of a few cloistered judges dictate what we ought to

For readers, prizes do not dictate. Prizes draw attention, prizes suggest what might out of what is now more than 100,000 books published in this country in a year - delight a bookshop browser. Would Kate Atkinson's engaging novel, Behind the Scenes at the Museum, have reached the thousands it did if it had not won the Whitbread Prize in 1996? Would Helen Dummore's beautiful and chilling A Spell of Winter have entranced so many had she not been the

worthy first winner of the Orange Prize? Now it is Orange time again, and the judges have produced their new shortlist. The first striking aspect of this year's crop is that four of the six are North Americans: one of the prize's founders believes this is evid-

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ence of a reluctance on the part of some British publishers to back British women writers. That is debatable; it is, however, certainly evidence of the extraordinary power and polish of women now writing in the United States and Canada. Each of these four novels (two of them first efforts) displays the kind of imagination rare in any novelist, male or female, from Margaret Atwood's exploration of the mind of a 19th-century murderess, to Jane Mendelsohn's soaring recreation of icon and aviatrix Amelia Earhart. Anne Michaels sweeps the reader through postwar Poland and present day Greece: E. Annie Proulx traces the immigrants' path with their common possession, a six-button squeezebox. Perhaps the British should not be surprised that their vast former colonies. possessed of such a splendid literary heritage, have come into their own.

Also worth noting - if one can manage to put aside the fuss about women-only prizes, or British prizes dominated by the un-British - is that this list, overall, is one that would give any Booker shortlist a run for its money: the writers' sex is quite beside the point. With Manda Scott's gripping Glasgow tale of genetic crime, and Deirdre Madden's penetrating look at the Troubles in Northern Ireland, here are six books that should send every reader scurrying out to library and shop. Fine writing is alive and well and rewarded in Britain.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Tax and interest under Labour

From Mr George Guise

Sir, It is characteristic that both the CBI and Ken Livingstone are calling for tax rises within three days of the election, whereas the Institute of Directors is not (reports, May 5).

The CBI predominantly comprises large, bureaucratised organisations with a weather eye always out for state support, either from manipulated exchange and interest rates, defence contracts, or even direct injec-tion of taxpayers' money in the cause of something called "UK plc". By con-trast, the IoD membership consists predominantly of lean, market-driven businesses which only ask that governments leave them alone.

Tax rises are never a good idea. They do not take pressure out of an economy, except in the sense that a nail takes pressure out of a tyre. They are the last resort of a defeated exchequer and new Labour should never forget what old Labour discovered by experience: that high taxation and concealed unemployment are the twin killer viruses of a modern economy and lead straight to the opposition benches.

Yours faithfully, GEORGE GUISE (Prime Minister's Policy Unit, 1986-90). 90 Longacre, WC2

May 5.

From Mr Richard Dawson

Sir, The Chancellor, at today's meeting with the Governor of the Bank of England, has virtually put him in full control of interest rates. I trust that he will not now abdicate all responsibility for inflation, when he has a ready remedy to hand.

The choice between interest rate and taxation as the means to control inflation could be resolved if interest were made liable to a VAT-like tax at a special and easily variable rate, and which could be manipulated so as to have the same impact as an alteration in interest rates.

This would enable the Chancellor to increase effective internal interest rates to control inflation without having any effect on the sterling exchange rate. As VAT is reclaimable by industry this would not damage investment by business.

Treasury borrowing costs would not rise, as they do when interest rates rise, and effectively would fall as the Treasury would be the recipient of the extra VAT. It would, of course, still be possible to influence exchange rates by interest rate changes, possibly neutralising the internal effect by an opposite movement of VAT.

The tax would be progressive in nature. Borrowers would be paying no more than they would have done had interest rates increased; while lenders (who are likely to be the better off) would receive less interest than would otherwise have been the case.

Yours faithfully, RICHARD DAWSON, Kings Farm, Pebmarsh, Halstead, Essex. May 6.

From Mr Howard Mitchell

Sir, Anatole Kaletsky (Labour must soften sterling to avoid devaluation later". Business, May 2) advocates the reduction of demand by increasing taxation as an alternative to raising

Would it not be better for credit card companies (and other lenders) to restrict credit and to increase the minimum monthly repayment to say 20 per cent of the outstanding debt?

Yours faithfully, HOWARD MITCHELL, Hilltop House, 208 The Hill, Burford, Oxfordshire.

From Mrs Georgina Harrison Sir, If domestic-fuel taxes need to be harmonised with Europe (report, May 6), should not beer taxes be harmonised too? It is crazy that brewers have to take drays to Calais for the black-market vans to bring the beer

Yours faithfully, GEORGINA HARRISON. Castle Farmhouse, Odell, Bedford.

Major's future From Mr Peter D. J. Wood

Sir, Could not the MCC consider Mr John Major for their president the

next time this post falls vacant? He is ideally suited and qualified in so many ways, not least in his devotion to the noble game, and although the office would bring no monetary rewards I have a sneaking feeling that Mr Major might even consider it a greater honour than being Prime

I am, Sir, yours faithfully, P. D. J. WOOD, 2 St John's Road, Sevenoaks, Kent.

At last

From Mr Keigh Clough Sir. I realised over the weekend that

Mr Major's elusive feel-good factor has returned. Yours sincerely, KEITH CLOUGH. 15 Sutton Wick Lane.

Drayton, Abingdon, Oxfordshire.

'Dream tickets' on offer to the Tories

gest strength.

Yours faithfully.

TIM RUSSELL

May 6.

re-elected.

39 Ormiston Grove, W12.

From Sir Jeremy Elwes

(headline, later editions)?

Crispian Cottage, Weald Road, Sevenoaks, Kent.

From Mr Robert C. Seeckts

and Ann Widdecombe.

Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

From Mr John Hardy

Yours sincerely.

JOHN HARDY,

Gray's Inn, WCl.

last of his hat.

Yours faithfully,

3 Raymond Buildings,

From Mr C. E. Crace

Yours truly, ROBERT SEECKTS,

Yours faithfully, JEREMY ELWES,

election: Mr Archie Norman, Chair-

man of Asda pic and the new member

for Tunbridge Wells. His lack of poli-

tical experience may also be his big-

Sir, It is widely accepted that the dis-unity apparent in the Conservative

Government over the last five years

was a major factor in its failure to be

As the only senior figure who chal-

lenged John Major as leader during

that period, how can you possibly des-cribe John Redwood as "untainted"

Sir, New Conservatives searching for

a dream ticket need surely look no fur-

ther than Kent for Michael Howard

Thorpe House, 18/20 London Road,

Sir, In your editorial today you review

the claims of Messrs Clarke, Red-

wood, Howard, Hague and Lilley to

Your front-page headline on Mon-

A case of a week is a long time in

Sir, Could Mr Douglas Hogg be per-

suaded to "throw his hat into the

ring? I do not particularly want him

to become leader of the Conservative

Party, but it would be nice to see the

day April 28 proclaimed "Portillo and

the mantle of the Tory leadership.

Heseltine would fight for crown".

From Mr J. F. Penley

Sir, I believe that sleaze and disunity among Conservative MPs and candidates were the major factors which fuelled the nation's overwhelming desire for a change of government.

Leadership candidates do not appear even to have paused to consider whether their unrepresentative and now discredited electoral college is the appropriate body to choose a new party leader. How for instance are the views of the Scottish and Welsh Conservatives going to be canvassed, and which English MP is going to take notice of them anyway?

Yours etc, J. F. PENLEY, Longmead, Rockstowes. Uley, Dursley, Gloucestershire.

From Mr Robert Low

Sir, The choice of a new leader of the Conservative Party should not be re-stricted to 165 MPs. This is an absurdly low and unrepresentative sample of the party, thanks to last week's elec-toral debacle.

Mrs Thatcher won the support of nearly 40 more in 1990 yet was widely considered not to have gained sufficient backing to continue. Surely the selection of the next leader should be opened up to a wider electorate. Why not one party member, one vote?

Yours sincerely. ROBERT LOW. 33 Canfield Gardens, NW6. May 5.

From Mr Tim Russell

Sir, John Redwood's attempt today to distance himself from last Thursday's result beggars belief ("I can't defend the past; I can defend the party"). The Conservatives had one chance to present a united front to the nation when John Major resigned as leader of the party in 1995. Had no one stood against him and the party rallied round him, the general election would probably not have been the humili-

Mr Redwood's posturing and his all too obvious personal ambition since his defeat in 1995 in no small measure continued to present the press with the opportunity of displaying the Conservatives as a hopelessly divided party.

What the party now needs is some vision and a complete break from the past. The City Editor of The Sunday Telegraph (May 4) has already identified the man who, in my opinion, could provide a truly credible leadership alternative to Mr Blair at the next

EU and environment

From Mr Michael Welbank

C. E. CRACE, Lodge Farm, Little Hadham, Ware, Hertfordshire, May 6. tral and Eastern Europe to achieve

Sir. Lord Cranbrook is right to draw

attention to the environmental implications of EU enlargement (letter, April 25) and the opportunities that the incoming UK President of the EU Council will have to make a distinctive British contribution on this issue. Pollution is no respecter of national

boundaries and the creation of a Europe-wide approach to environmental issues is one of the great EU success stories, whatever the difficulties in application.

The danger in any enlargement debate is that economic considerations will be separated from environmental issues. That is a recipe for

But to require countries from Cen-

EU environmental standards as a precondition for entry is unrealistic, in practical and financial terms. What can be done however is to require the close integration of economic and environmental issues at all levels and the establishment of robust and effective land-use planning systems.

A further requirement is transparency and openness in setting out the environmental implications of all policies. This will not hinder economic growth but can guide it to avoid environmental disasters and to advance environmental standards.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL WELBANK (President, Royal Town Planning Institute, 1993-94), 24 South Hill Park, NW3. April 29.

Taylor's justice

From Mr Leo Blair

Sir, May I add to your obituary of the late Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor of Gosforth (April 30), an incident which shows how generous and kind he was to those who were not able to help themselves?

As a practising barrister, I suffered "stroke" on July 4, 1964. Some years later I was fortunate to be able to do reasonably easy legal tasks. The Chairman of Durham Quarter Sessions gave me the opportunity of acting Clerk to the Court: reading out charges, dealing with jurors, etc. All simple work.

Sometimes, because I did miss the real work of a barrister, I would go into the Bar "robing room" and chat

with other friends from the Bar. One day, an older barrister told me that "as a clerk" I was not allowed to hold conversations in the robing room unless I was giving information about "the list" [of cases to be heard]. I was very embarrassed.

Peter Taylor was there and gave him a real dressing down, telling him: "Leo is a practising barrister and is not only entitled to come in but is welcomed by all of us."

I have never forgotten this example of Lord Taylor's fair and honourable treatment of all who had the good fortune to know him.

Yours faithfully, LEO BLAIR, 19 Kenton Drive, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. May 1.

Hogging the road

From Mr Hector Stevens

Sir, I sympathise with Mr Robert Mudie's frustrations when driving (letter, May 6).

Whenever I am walking through London in no great hurry, I find myself being constantly jostled by speeding pedestrians barging their way through the crowds trying to arrive somewhere yesterday.

However, whenever I am in a hurry I invariably find the pavements littered with wandering sloths whose sole aim in life seems to be to get in the

Yours faithfully, J. H. STEVENS, 112 Old Woking Road. Pyrford, Woking, Surrey. May 6.

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Land for housing

From Mr David Harris

Sir, A former Chairman of the New Homes Environmental Group (letter, April 29) seeks to reassure us that, despite plans for millions of new houses. 83 per cent of the South East will "still be countryside" in the year 2000.

Statistics can be grossly misleading. A motorway going through a broad valley can occupy much less than 20 per cent of the land but the countryside has been massively damaged. An inappropriate building on a hill can have the same effect upon thousands of surrounding acres.

- We have lost so much land under concrete since the war that if anything is to be saved green land must no longer be made available for housing, commerce or industry. Instead, our efforts should be applied to the renewal and improvement of existing cities, towns and villages.

D. HARRIS. Watermill House, Kettleburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Yours truly.

Community value of urban cinemas

From the Chief Executive of ABC Cinemas

Sir, Unseasonal as it may have been lately to applaud the efforts of politicians, praise should go to John Gummer, the erstwhile Secretary of State for the Environment, and to Andrew Bennett, Labour MP for Denton and Reddish and Chairman of the House of Commons Environment Committee, for their support of the traditional town centre.

John Gummer recently turned down planning permission for yet another out-of-town multiplex cinema with attached fast food restaurants, at Eastleigh in Hampshire. The Envirunment Committee's recent report on shopping centres called, amongst other things for a tax on out-of-town

Out-of-town multiplex cinemas with their adiacent facilities are now, rightly, an important part of the cinema scene in this country. However, we clearly do not have the space that exists in the US, where the idea origin-

ated, to allow their unchecked growth. The myth has grown, perpetuated by developers, that the smaller multiplex cinema, located in town and without its own attached fast-food facilities, is somehow not commercially viable. I can emphatically deny this. ABC is one of the best established brands in the cinema industry, with more in-town sites than any other, and provides an effective and financially sound service to local commu-

Urban cinemas have an important place as a cultural feature of our lowns and cities, which government policy has hitherto supported. The Conservative Government's stricter application of planning policy will have done much to enhance the vitality of town centres. We hope the new Government will ensure their continuing social and environmental value.

Yours faithfully. BARRY JENKÍNS, Chief Executive. ABC Cinemas, 80 Great Portland Street, WI. May 2.

Too many cats

From Mrs Denise Helps

Sir, The cat population of this country will continue to increase, to the detri-ment of wildlife, until cat owners are made to take responsibility for their pets (letters, April 25, 28, May 6).

At present cats appear to be the only domestic animals permitted to stray at will on public land and private property other than that of their owners. No wonder these owners find them attractive and convenient.

Nesting birds and pondlife are as much a beloved feature of some people's gardens as plants, and merit protection. I cannot imagine the same level of tolerance if sheep came and browsed on our flowers and shrubs, and I am sure Ms Digby Smith (letter, April 28) would not want me to release my dog unsupervised in her garden. He would certainly chase, and possibly kill, any cats she may own; but she need not be distressed as he would

only be doing what comes naturally. Recent years have seen a very successful policy on pollution of our streets and parks by dog faeces. The introduction of a similar restriction on cats is long overdue.

Yours faithfully, DENISE HELPS, Chatley Farm House, Tellisford Lane,

Norton St Philip, Bath. From Mrs Simon Wainman

Sir, When our famous mouser, Winky. reached the grand age of 18 last May, she decided to retire. As a result we were overrun by mice. But since the autumn, when a pair of kestrels moved into the area, she has been able to spend her time between the Aga and the best conservatory sun-chair knowing that her job is being done very efficiently by someone else.

Yours faithfully. DIANA WAINMAN, Upper Ashe House, Ashe, Basingstoke, Hampshire. May 6.

Too close for comfort?

From the Reverend J. H. Graham

Sir, BT's "Friends and Family" promotion brings great anxiety to those who work from home. Should I win the "Reunion" prize, I will end up on an exotic island with, among others, my archdeacon.

Yours faithfully JAMES GRAHAM. The Rectory, Hodnet, Market Drayton, Shropshire.

Holiday help

From Dr Norman Dyson

Sir. I have just realised how to solve the drought. Make every Monday a bank holiday until all the reservoirs are full. If necessary, marshal families with small children into seaside resorts. The authorities could vary the deluge by controlling the opening of shops and public entertainment for the day.

Yours faithfully, N. DYSON, The Croft, Kellfield Avenue, Low Fell, Tyne and Wear.

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this morning visited Tyneside Family Literacy projects at St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary

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Shields, and at Westgate Hill

Primary School, Westgate Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, and was

received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Tyne and Wear (Colonel Sir Ralph Carr-Ellison).

Her Royal Highness, President, Save the Children Fund, this

afternoon attended the Volunteers

Reception and Newcastle City

Appeal Luncheon at the Mansion

The Princess Royal, President,

the Royal Yachting Association. later opened Castlegate Quay Water Activity Centre and HM Bark

Endeavour, as a training centre for

young people, at Castlegate Quay Heritage Project, Riverside, Stock-

ton-on-Tees, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of

County Durham (Sir Paul Nicholson).

National Association of Victims

Support Schemes, this evening

attended the play "the Trial of Penn and Mead" at the Lord Chief

Justice's Court, Royal Courts of

May 6: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Grand President. St John Ambulance, this

afternoon visited the West Mid-

lands and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of West Midlands (Mr Robert Taylor).

Her Royal Highness opened the John Ambulance Divisional

Headquarters at Bent Street.

Brierley Hill. and the Head-

quarters of the Oldbury and

Langley Combined Divisions of St John Ambulance at Birchfield

May 6: The Duchess of Kent.

Patron. United Kingdom Com-minee for United Nations Chil-

dren's Fund, this morning arrived

at Heathrow Airport, London. from Cape Town, South Africa.

President, Christ's Hospital, will attend a reception followed by Beating Retreat at HM Tower of

The Duke of Kent will open the

neurological theatre block. South-

ampton General Hospital,

Tremona Road, Southampton a

11.20: as President, the Scout

Association, will visit the Lyons

Friends of the Royal Marsden

sion House, at 6.30.

Lieutenancy

Mrs Julian Tomkins was in

Lane, Oldbury.

YORK HOUSE

London at 7.10.

Today's royal engagements

Justice, London WCZ

KENSINGTON PALACE

Her Royal Highness. Patron.

House, Newcastle upon Tyne.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE May 6: The Rt Hon Kenneth Clarke (Chancellor of the Exchequer), the Rt Hon Michael Howard (Secretary of State for the Howard (Secretary of State for the Home Department), the Rt Hon Malcolm Rifkind (Secretary of State for Foreign and Common-wealth Affairs), the Rt Hon Antony Newton (Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House of Commons), the Rt Hon John Gummer (Secretary of State for the Environment), the Rt Hon William Waldegrave [Chief Secretary to the Treasury), the Rt Hon Michael Forsyth (Secretary of State for Forsyth (Secretary of State for Scotland), the Rt Hon Sir Patrick Mayhew (Secretary of State for Northern Ireland), the Rt Hon Roger Freeman (Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister in Charge of the Office of Public Service), the Rt Hon Ian Lang (President of the Board of Trade and Secretary of State for Trade and Industry), the Rt Hon Gillian Shephard (Secretary of State for Education and Employment), and the Ri Hon Peter Lilley (Secretary of State for Social Security) had audiences of The Queen this afternoon and took leave upon delivering up the Seals of their respective Offices and relinquish-

ing their appointments.
The Rt Hon Douglas Hogg was received in farewell audience by Her Majesty and took leave upon relinquishing his appointment as Minister of Agriculture. Fisheries and Food.

The Rt Hon Anthony Blair MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of

The Queen this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh this evening presented the 1997 Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion and attended a celebration of Twenty Five Years of the Templeton Prize at Westminster Abbey, London SWI.

May is The Prince Edward, Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, today gave a Luncheon at

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Honorary Life Member of the Royal Association of British Dairy

Farmers, will present the Prince Philip Award for 1996 and certifi-

cates of merit for research and

development in dairy farming, at

Buckingham Palace at 10,00; as

Patron and Trustee, will attend

receptions for young people who have achieved the Gold Standard

in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award

4.00; and as Patron, will attend a

reception for the Air League at St

Prince Edward will attend a recep-

tion and concert given by the

London Symphony Orchestra. Barbican, London EC2 at 7.15.

The Princess Royal, as President Animal Health Trust, will attend a

council of management meeting, the Kennel Club, 1-5 Clarges Street,

London WI, at 11.30; and will

attend the Fishmongers' Company court ladies dinner at Fish-

The Duke of Gloucester, as Patron.

Royal Anthropological Institute, will visit the offices at 50 Fitzroy

James's Palace at 7.15.

mongers' Hall at 7.25.

s's Palace at 11.30 and

May 6: The Princess Royal, President of Patrons, Crime Concern, attendance.

Memorial services

Mr and Mrs W.B.S. (Bobby) Walker

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Bobby Walker, a former deputy UK senior partner. Peat Marwick, Mitchell & Company, and Mrs Terry Walker, was held yesterday at the Church of St Andrew-by-the-Wardrobe with St Anne. The Rev John Paul offici-

Mrs Caroline Richards read the lesson and Mrs Sara Watkins, daughter, read from Modern Man facing death by Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh Sir John Grenside gave an address. The KPMG choir, conducted by Mr Philip Gowman, and accompa-nied by Mr Andrew Lucas, organ,

sang during the service. Among sang during the service. Among others present were:

Mr Timothy Watkins (son-in-law), Mr and Mrs Colin Kaye, Mr and Mrs David John, Mr and Mrs Mark Stent, Mr John Townson, Mrs Robin Odgers, Mr and Mrs Richard Vernon and other members of the family.

Lady Grenside, Mr Colin Sharman (senior partner, EPMG UK, and international chairman with Mrichael Fowle (senior partner, London office also representing the governing body of Rugby School, Mr and Mrs Richard Agutter and other past and present members of staff; and other iriends.

Luncheons

Lord Mayor of Westminster The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster were the hosts at a luncheon held yesterday at City Hall.

Mid Atlantic Club Mr Giles Radice, MP, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Mid Atlantic Club held yesterday at Dartmouth House Mr Alan Lee Williams presided.

Reception

Titmuss Sainer Dechert The Partners of Titmuss Sainer Dechert were the hosts on May I at a reception held at Middle Temple Hall. A performance of La Bohème by the Pavilion Opera was held afterwards for their friends and clients in the Lloyd's Market. Mr Michael Smith. Senior Partner addressed the guests.

Dinners

Professor Sir Colin Dollery was the speaker at a talk dinner held last night at the Athenaeum. Professor Trevor Jones was in the

University of Kent at Canterbury Mr Tony Girling. President of the Law Society, was the speaker at the third annual Kent Law School Alumni Dinner, held at the Law Society on May 6.

Royal Over-Seas League

Copse Activity Centre, Shedfield, Southampton at 1.40; and will Sir Geoffrey Ellerton, Chairman of the Royal Over-Seas League, pre-sided at the annual meeting held Society's annual music awards, Dorchester Hotel, at 7-30. yesterday at Over-Seas House, St Princess Alexandra will attend a reception in aid of the League o

NHS Trust, London, at the Man-Appointments Mr Henry Brock Trethowan, Mrs

Esma Serwaa Martins and Mr Alistair Laird McGeachy to be full-time Immigration Adjudicators: South Glamorgan Mr Trethowan to be a Special Adjudicator from June 2, Mrs Martins from June 9 and Mr The following have been appointed Deputy Lieutenants for South McGeachy from July 1. They will sit in Greater London. Royal Anthropological Institute, will visit the offices at 50 Fitzroy Street, London WI, at 11.00; and as Clay, Colonel N.A. Jones.

Mr Rameshwar (Ray) Singh to be a District Judge on the Wales and Chester Circuit from yesterday.



which commissioned the painting to mark its centenary. The portrait goes on show at the annual exhibition of the Royal Society of Portrait Painters, which will be opened today by Prince Michael of Kent, President of the RAC, at the Mall Galleries

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: David Hume, philosopher, Edinburgh, 1711; Robert Browning, poet, London, 1812; Norman Shaw, architect, Edinburgh, 1831; Johannes Brahms, composer, Hamburg, 1833; Piotr llyich Tchaikovsky, composer, Votkinsk, Russia, 1840; Archibald Primrose, 5th Earl of Rosebery, Prime Minister 1894-95, London, 1847; Sir Rabindranath Tagore, poet, Nobel laureate 1913, Calcutta 1861; Marshal Tito (Josip Broz) President of Yugoslavia 1953-80. Kumrovec, 1892; Gary Cooper, film star, Helena, Montana, 1901; Sir Huw Wheldon, broadcaster,

DEATHS: H.W. Bunbury, artist and caricaturist, Keswick, Cumbria, 1811; Antonio Salieri, com-poser, Vienna, 1825; Thomas Barnes, Editor of *The Times* 1817-41, London, 1841; Henry Brougham, Baron Brougham and Vaux, Lord Chancellor 1830-34, a founder of London University, Cannes, 1868; James Nasmyth inventor of the steam hammer London, 1890; William Lever, 1st Viscount Leverhulme, soap manu-facturer and philanthropist, Hampstead, 1925; George Lansbury, leader of the Labour Party 1932-35, London, 1940; Sir James Frazer, anthropologist, Cambridge, 1941.

The first Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, opened in London, 1663. The first Isle of Man TT race was

Nearly 2,000 people perished when the Lusitania was sunk by a German submarine off the coast of Ireland, 1915. Germany surrendered unconditionally to the Allies, 1945.

Latest wills

Herbert Carthy, farmer, of Taroworth, Staffordshire, left esratiword, Samotanie, leit estate valued at £4,982,935 net. He left £2,000 each to Warton Holy Trially Church, St Editha's Church, Tamworth, St. Leonard's Church, Wigginton, Tamworth, and the Tamworth Nursery for handicapped children; plus a personal bequest of £150,000 and a house.

Freda Margaret Richards Kemp, of Alfriston, Polegate, East Sussex, left estate valued at £2,950,936 net.

Elizabeth Anne Legh-Jones, of Jordans, Buckinghamshire, left estate valued at £2,534,567 net.

Today's birthdays

Mr Scobie Breasley, jockey, 82; Professor Alasdair Breckenridge, chairman, North West Regional Health Authority, 60; Lord Briggs, FBA, 76; Mr Peter Carey, writer, Hewitt Australian industrialist 80: Miss Anya Hindmarsh, de-signer, 29: Sir Michael Hopkins, architect, 62: Canon Peter Hullah, Headmaster, Chetham's School of 54; Viscount Cross, 77; Sir Charles Cunningham. civil servant, 91; Music, Manchester, 48: Mrs Ruth Prawer Jhabvala, author, 70; Lord Professor A.W. Cuthbert, FRS, Master, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, 65; Mr Murray Easton, former managing director, Yarrow Kirkhill, 67: Sir David Landale, company director, 63; Mr David Leach, potter, 86; Mr James Levett, organist, 88; Sir Neil Macfarlane, Shipbuilders, 46; Mr Mik Flood, former director, Institute of chairman, Securicor, 61: Dr Tony O'Reilly, chairman, H.J. Heinz Contemporary Arts, 48: Sir Reay Geddes, former chairman, Dunlop Company, 61; Mr Richard O'Sullivan, actor, 53; Mr John Rubber Company, 85; Professor Padovan, former chairman, AAH, R.Y. Goodden, architect, 88; Sir James Gowans, FRS, former dep-59; Professor Canon Roy Porter, theologian, 76; Mr W.M. Pybus, uty chairman, Medical Research Council, 73; the Right Rev Robert company chairman, 74; Mr C.J. Saunders, Headmaster, Lancing College, 57; Miss Elisabeth Taylor Halliday, former Bishop of Brechin, 65; Viscount Hampden. 60; Mr Robin Hambury-Tenison, Söderstrom, soprano, 70; Miss Mary Spillane, founder, Colour Me Beautiful, 47; Mr David explorer, 61; Mr David Hatch, Tomlisson, actor, 80; Sir Alan Trail, former Lord Mayor of rhairman National Consumer Council, 58; Mr Michael Hawkes, former vice-chairman, Kleinwort London, 62; Major-General H.G.

Mollie Elaine Bath, of Haslemere Surrey, left estate valued at E1,383,402 net. She left £1,000 each to Dr Barnardo's, RNID, RNIL, Imperial Cancer Research Fund and Cancer RelieL

Woods, 73.

Thomas Wayne Bevan.

Lymington, Hampshire, left estate

valued at £1,051,379 net. Audrey May Tiochurst Brown, of Westeliff-on-Sea, Essex, left estate valued at £1,062,531 net.

William Anthony Camps, of Bottisham, Cambridge, left estate valued at £1,160,107 net. He left £150,000 to Pembroke College.

Appointments. The Rev Peter Henry, Vicar. St

Matthew and St Nathanael, Kingsdown, and St Michael. The Rev Lindsay Spendlove, Non-stipendiary Assistant in the dean-ery of Colchester, to be also Non-

The Rev Stephen Jarratt, Vicar, Chapel Allerton: to be also Assistant Rural Dean of Allerton

Vicar, Holbeck St Luke to be Assistant Chaplain of United Leeds Teaching Hospitals (NHS) Trust (Ripon).

also Rural Dean of Chesterfield (Derby). The Rev Raymond Joyce, NSM, diocese of Derby, to be NSM, All Saints, Mickleover (Derby).

The Rev Peter Kashouris, Assistant Curate, St John's, Hampstead (London): to be Curate-in-charge, St Hilda, Hartlepool (Durham). The Rev Duncan MacLaten, Assistant Curate. St Clement. Oxford: to be Chaplain, St Edmund Hall, Oxford (Oxford).

James, Handsworth and Dean of Handsworth (Birmingham): to be

Ministry (Newcastle). The Rev Marilyn Parry, Director of Studies, Northern Ordination-Course, and Honorary Assistant Curate, East Farmworth and Kearsley Team Ministry (Man-chester): to be National Adviser for pre-Theological Education and Selection Secretary, Advisory Board of Ministry, Church House,

marriages Mr A.R.M. Tilley and Miss R.M. Allanson The engagement is announced between Alan, youngest son of Mr and Mrs A. Tilley, of Orpington.

Mr G.R. Beacroft and the Hon Judith Young and the rion summ roung
The marriage took place in Chichester, on Thursday, May I, between Mr Guy Robert Beacroft,
son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Beacroft, and the Hon Judith Anne

The engagement is announced between Stephen, elder son of Mr and Mrs Tudor Jones, of Windsor. Berkshire, and Sophie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Lethbridge, of Charlbury,

Oxfordshire. Mr S.C. Taylor and Miss J.E. Silver The engagement is announced between Stephen, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Taylor, of Paris, and Jame, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Silver, of New York

Dr J.P. Gillespie and Miss K.L. Nash

The engagement is announced between Jeremy Paul, eidest son of Dr and Mrs Colin Gillespie, of

Blackheath, London, and Karen

Louise, eldest daughter of Mr and

The engagement is announced

between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs Vesey Holt, of Wellington, Shrop-shire, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Eric Gantlett, of

Mrs Terry Nash, of Bath.

Mr PJ.V. Holt and Mrs S.E. Theodoron

Cricklade, Wiltshire.

Mr S.R. Jones and Miss S.L. Lethbridge

Mr W.R. Wood and Miss S.M.J. Bonim and Miss s.m.J. bound The engagement is armounced between Richard, son of Shirley Wood, of Lliber, Spain, and the late William Wood, and Shella, daughter of Professor Charles P. Bonini, of Stanford, California, and Dr Cissie Rafferty, of Scotts

Kent, and Ruth, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Allanson, of Reigate, Surrey.

Marriages

Young, younger daughter of the Right Hon Lord and Lady Young

Mr J.D. Harris and Miss J.F. Murphy
The marriage took place in
London, on Saturday, May 3, on Mr Jeremy Harris, son of Colonel George Harris and the late Mrs Harris, of Chatham, Kent, and Miss Jane Murphy, daughter of Mr and Mrs Francis Murphy, of Blandford St Mary, Dorset.

Mr P.A.R. Parker and Miss G.L. Salter The marriage took place on Sat-urday, May 3, 1997, at St Peter and Holy Cross, Wherwell, Hamp-shire, between Mr Philip (Buffy) Parker, son of the late Mr Archie Parker and of Mrs Una-Mary Parker-Duke, and Miss Gabrielle Salter, daughter of Mr Tom Salter and Mrs Frances Salter.

of St John's, Montreux, Switzer-

land: to be Chaplain. St James,

The Rev Rachel Shirras, Curate, St

Bishopston (Bristol): to be Vicar,

stipendiary Assistant Priest to the Diocesan Retreat House, and in the parish of Plesbey (Chelmsford).

The Rev Pere Steele, Assistant Curate, Beaminster Team Min-istry (Salisbury): to be Priest-in-

charge, Aldermaston w Wasing and Brimpton (Oxford).

The Rev Flora Winfield, formerly

Associate Chaplain and Tutor, Faculty of Theology, Mansfield College, Oxford: to be Local Unity

Secretary, Council for Christian

Unity, Church House, West-

The Rev Dr Andrew Wingste, Principal of the United College of

the Ascension (Birmingham): to be also an Honorary Canon of Birmingham Cathedral.

The Rev Verity Brown, Assistant

Curate, Bensham Team Ministry

charge, Holmside (Durham): to

Resignations and retirements

(Durham): to resign May 17.

Beckton, St Mark (Chelmsford).

Oporto, Portugal (Europe).

Church news

John's, Guernsey (Winchester): to be Priest-in-charge, Sawley

The Rev Duncan Hill-Brown, Assistant Curate, St John, Sparkhill to be Assistant Curate, Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield (Birmingham).

(Ripon). The Rev Christopher Johnson,

The Rev Tom Johnson, Rector, Ashover and Brackenfield: to be

The Rev Beryl Davison, Priest-in-

also an Honorary Canon of Birmingham Cathedral. The Rev Eileen Nobie, Curate, Cramlington Team Ministry: to be Team Vicar, Cramlington Team

The Rev Howell Sasser, Chaplain

reure September 30. Canon Trevor Rhodes, Honorary Canon of Koforidus (Ghana) and Priest in charge, parish of The Good Shepherd, Bishop-

wearmouth (Durham): resigned April 30 The Rev Canon Christopher White, Rector, Richmond w

Hudswell, Chaplain of Richmond Victoria Hospital, and Chaplain, St Francis Xavier School, Richmond (Ripon): to retire October

The Rev Michael Wikock, Vicar, Durham St Nicholas (Durham): to retire January 31, 1998.

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ASHDOWN - On May 2nd, to Susan (née Dale) and Gles, a daughter, Annabelle Jenniter, a sister for Georgina, Philippa and Daniella.
BROWELL - On April 29th, to James and Rebecca (née Mathiesen), a daughter, Lili Sarah.
BULSING - On April 18th 1997, to Belinda (née Worlock) and Mark, a son, Giles Edmund Alexander.
CAPOMII - On April 28th at The Portland Bospital, to Meghan and Michael, a daughter, Madeleine- Chuntal
CARPENTER - On Thursday May 1st 1997, to Victoria (née Gamble) and Stephen, a son, Sebastien William.
COMMON - On April 29th, to Deborah (use Milne) and Peter, a daughter, Elizabeth Irene Madeleine, a sister for Alexandez.
CROLLA - On May ZEG in San Francisco, to Sophie (ase Kitson) and Marco, a son, Santoni Predicte (Sam)
percham - On 4th May, to Hilary (nice Robinson) and Jonathan, a son, Alexander, a brother for Annabel and Lorer
DON - On 3rd May at the Wretham Masior Hospital to Sarsh (née jarroise) and Alec, a son, Henry John Douglas, a brother for Histalt.
Adam and Rosie, a son, Germa Nicholas
GRANGER - On 2nd May, to Sury (née Housfield) and James, a son, Max Henry. HADRALL - On 2nd May 1997 (their tenth wedding
anniversary), to Katharine (née Sergeant) and Julian, a daughter, Cecily Alice, a sister for Lucy and Francis.
Portland Hospital, to Tenia (née Neale) and Luke, a son, Alford Francis.
JACKSON AND SON - On April 28th at The Portland Bospital, to Jenny Arelson and Richard Jackson, a son, Luke Warren Jackson.
LANES - On let May, to Mary- Jane (née Granville) and Christopher, a son, Archia Julian Court, a brother for lone.
LESSING - On April 30th at The

iona.

ESSIMG - On April 30th at The
Portland Hospital, to Jackie
(age Meister) and Gary, a
son Adam Joseph, a brother
for Syan.

for Ryan.

RUSSELL - On May Iss at The

Portland Hospital, to

Catherine and Jonathan, a

daughter, Cattin Million
sister for Benjamin.

SCARLETT - On April 30th, to

Sharen (not Text) and Feter,

2 son, Harry Alexander, a

brother for Lary

SMRTH - On 28th April 1997, to Margaret (née Doosy) and Philip, a son, William Bartholomew Hector, a brother to Thomas, Jack and Charlotte. ST CLASE ROSERTS - On 2nd May at The Roste, Cambridge, to Juanna and John. a daughter, Amelia Jane, a sister for Rosanna. TVLER - On 4th May 1997 at St George's Hospital, to juliet (née Sulivan) and William, a daughter, Venetta Elhabeth Lucy, a sister for Leonora. WADDEL! - On April 28th, to Nadine (née Stubbs) and Tim, a daughter, Natasha Céleste Stubbs Waddell, a Hrtle sister for Olivia and WELLS - On May 1st, to Esthryn (née Gordon) and Kit, a daughter, josephine Mary. ALLEN - Ken. Suddenly at the Achand Hospital Oxford, on Friday, 2nd May, 1997. Emeritus Professor of Nuclear Structure, Ballioi College, Oxford, Bruch level husband, father and generalizabler, Family Downer, only. Doubtions, if desired, to Ballioi College, Oxford, to support a physics prise, Puneval at Oxford Cremptonium on Friday, 9th May, 1997 at 11.30 am. A memorial service will take place at a later date. paste it a mur tane.

RARICER - Peacefully on May
3rd, Effia, aged 85, of knowl
Hill. Much loved sunt, greataunt and great-great-aunt.
Funezel at the Chrush of 9r
Mary the Vingin, Twyford, on
Monday, May 12th at
2.30pm, Family Howers only,
but donations if you wish to
the Berichire Branch of the
Red Cross or the Hunt

DEATHS

SPIG 5NX or at the service.

EDMONDS - On May 2nd, peacefully at Birchy Hill Nursing Home, Sway, Hemry Ronald Origando (Teddy) aged.

57 years. Hashend of the late hidget and much loved father of John and Charlotte. Funcial Service at St Luke's Chunch, Sway at 2 pm on Friday 9th May followed by interment. Family flowers only please. Donations it wished for the R.M.L.I. or Cakhaven Hospice may be sent c/o F.W. House and Sons, Funeral Directors, Lymington, Hampahhe.

ELWE - Mons (Margaret) died nee certainte manen or the Bed Cross or the Hunt Servants Benevolent Fund c/o Cyril Lovagrove, 58 Briants Avenue, Reading, EG4 58A RENTALL - Laurence George, aged 93. Late of Kenya and Portugal, died pencefully on May 4th at Hadleigh, Suffolk. Suffolk.

BOURD - On 5th May 1997, peacefully at home, Dr. Harry in his 70th year. Beloved hushand of Pauline, Suther of Christopher, Jesury, Dec Dec, Valorie, Vanesen, Simon, Ramdy and Debble. Dearest Fapa of Suma, Rupert, Aubrey, Rebecca, Mille, Florence and Saskiz. Requiem Mass at Notre Dame, du Rossina, St Feter Port, Godzney at 10.30 am on Saturday 10th May. Eymington, insuperior died pescefully in Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge on May 3rd 1997. A greatly loved wife, mother, grandmother and friend. A Mesocial to be mnounced later. FLWIN - Donald Hamilton O.B.E. previously of the Indian Civil Service, died peacefully on the 29th April, 1997, aged 93.

DEATHS BURNS - Major General Sir (Walter Arthur) George Barns GCVO CB DEO OBE MC on 5th May at North Mymms. Funeral private. Family flowers only. Memorial Service to be announced later. Inter.

CLELAND - Pencefully on 3rd

May, John, beloved husband

of Marjorie (dec'd), much
loved father of Yvonne
(dec'd), Meg and John and
wonderful grandfather and
wonderful grandfather. Frivate
cremation at Putney Vale
Cremation at Putney Vale
Cremation on Wednesday
14th May at noon, Flowers to
Sanders, (0181) 876-525. Sanders, (0181) 876-5255.
COUTTS - Peacefully at Letterine General Hospital on May 3rd, 1997, Ian Douglas Freeman Courts, formetly Master of Oundle and Housenaster at Crosby House. Much loved Husband, Father and General Service at St. Peter's Cauch, Cundle on Monday, May 12th at 2 p.m. followed by private cremation. Family Rovers only, donations, if desired, to Alzheimer's Disease Society, c/o Crowsons, Funsan Directors, Entowed; Nr. Oundle, Peterborough PES SPS. PES 5PS.

DHEWETT - Peter Harry of Blagdon, Somemer, on 5th May 1997 in his 63rd year, peacefully after a long illness. Dearly leved father, pear friend and companion of Eatherine. Funezal and Tambaggiring Service at St. Andrew's Church, Beckwell, at 11.50am on 13th May followed by private family foremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Marmillan Cancer Railef, 6 Regents Court, Andover, SP10 5NK or at the service.

EDMONDS - On May 2nd,

Hospica, Sydenham.

SiLES - Felicity disc
peacefully on the 1st May at
3pm. Beloved wife of the late
AirCare Jeck Glas JSO Dr.
and much loved mother and
grandmother. Bequism at St
1000ph's Catholic Church,
Epsom on Fiday 9th May at
10 3pm. No flowers. All
denations to Rosminian
African Missions. American sessions.

GOOD - Mark on 3rd May
1997. Husband of the late
Eleanor Former Folkestone
and Bristol Solicitor. Solly
missed by children Carol.
Louise and Clive. Funeral
anguiries to Chittebdens,
Folkestone, (01303)
851456.

Chiswick Sauch.

RETUMER - Dorothen Dolly'
Guthrie peacefully at
Hestingount Rake on 27th
April in her 101st year.

Much lowed and respected
widow of Handd, mother of
Daphne (dec'd) and John,
grandmother and greatgrandmother Cremation
Service at Guildford
Crematonium 11 am Friday
16th May. No flowers by
request but donations to
Macmillan Services,
Midhers, would be greatly
appreciated through GM,
Luff, 34 Lion Lane,
Hasiomera, Surrey, All
inicads will be welcome at
her home sfort the service.

PRANSCIN - (Nde Barry) Babs her home after the service.

FRANKLIN - (Née Earry) Bahe.

MRE aged 84 on 1st May at

St Christopher's Hospice,
much loved wife, mother of
Anna, Solly and Kirit (son-in-law) and grandma of Kirsti
and Kirsu. Service at
Beckenhau Cremetorium
Pridny 9th May 3 pm. Family
flowers only. Donations if
Gastred to St Christopher's
Hospice, Sydenham.

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GREEN - Hugh Hughes, Feacefully after a brave struggle on May 3rd at the Royal Marsden Hospital, Chelsen Saily missed by his family and friends. His functs will take place at Golders Green Crematorium on Friday 9th May at 4 pm. Family flowers only pieces. Donations, if dealred, to the Royal Marsden Bespital etc. Lj. Butter & Son Led, 40 Kenton Fark Pande, Easton Road, Kenton, Harrow, Middy, HAS SDE.

EVAMS - Helen Katherine (née
Ramsbottom), widow of
Major Reg GB Evans MBG,
on 30th April after a long
illness, beloved mother of
Robin and Faith Helen.
Funeral at St Mary's, Staines
12 noon 15th Mey.
committal at South West
Middlesex Crematorium
Ipm No flowers piesse but
donations if desired to St
John Ambulance (3450
Hammersmith Division) or
Royal British Legion,
Chiswick Bunch.
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Daphne (der'd) and John.

HEAGERTY - On 2nd May, 1997, peacefully, Patrick john. Beloved brother of James. brother-nelse of Clairs, destry loved uncle of Plars, Jonathan and Catoline and great-uncle of Thomas. Requism Mass to be held on Wednesday 14th May at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, Reymer, Sussex, at 11 am. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to Macmillan Nurses may be sent clo Massters and Son. 4 Demmans Lane, Lindfield, West Sussex, RH16 21B (01444) 482107.

HUNI - Gézard - Brother Gefgoire of Tainé, Deceased on 5th May, Funezai service on Wednesday 7th May 8t the church of Tainé (Bante-Sañas), Community of Tainé, 71250 Tainé (France)

serio - Peacarally at home on May 4th in the care of his loving family and friends, Michael Christopher Broughton Eurd, Beloved husband of Margo of Lengstone Manstorium on Monthly 12th May at 230pm, Pamily flowers only. Donations with much gentitude to the Macmillan Nurses. JERNINGS - Margaret
Elizabeth, aged 39 years, of
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JORES - Mary Elizabeth (Betty) peacefully May 2nd after an illness bozne with dignity and courage, wife of the late John Lewis Engell Jones and mother to Phian and Robin. Loved and missed by all who knew her. Savice at Stoke Foges Church Monday May 12th 1997 at 12 moon. No flowers. Donations II desired to Trinity Hospics, 30 Clapham Common North Side, London SW4 ORT.

KEARNEY - John Francis
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KEMSLEY - Alfred Bernard Tenddy pecedully on 3rd May aged 84 years. Much leved husband of Joan dearest father of Lix and Richard and deur Texange of Mark, Jenny, Caroline and Michael. Cremation at Permion Wood Chematorium, Paradon Wood Soud, Hadow, Essax on Priday 9th May at 10.30 am. No flowers, but desired donations to Macmillan Cancer Relief may be sent to DC. Poulton & Sous, Carirk Lane, Epping, Essex, Carirk Lane, Epping, Essex, Carifé 4NJ, Talephone 01992 572699.

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LYBAGHT - On April 30th, Edward Conney, aged 94 years, at Nevill Hall Hospital, Abergavenny, Private commaries at Gwest Crematerium, Chesycallog, on Wednesday 14th May at 2pm. Thanksgiving Service to be held at Llandego Cauran on Teachy 3rd june at 2,30 pm. Further unguiries to Philip Elarchly & Son, Francial Directors, int (01594) 529 345.

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MARGETSOR - Diana. On Saturday May 3rd 1997 at her home in Bembridge one week after her 100th hithing, Grant to all of her family. Funeral Service at the 1sia of Wight Cremstonium on Thursday May 8th at 2.30 pn. Donations only plasse to the Bembridge ERL c/o Weaver Ross. Ltd., Sembridge, IW. (01983) 372598. MARGETSON - Diens. Or

MANTHER - Revent. On Sth May 1997 at the Royal Free Hospital, London, Edward (Jeddy) died pencekelly aged 91, after a short illness. Beloved husband of the late Frank Mauther. Funsani at Goldens Green Crematorium, Boop Lune, London, NW11 on Friday, 9th May at 1.30pm. No Howers pieces.

Mocrediesmin - On May 4th 1997 at Four Onks, The 1997 at Four Onks, The Crescent, Reedley, after a long limess courageously fought, Restora McCredle Smith aged 71 years, General Practitioner and Anaesthetist, the dearly loved mather of Champe and Jane, that years mather of Rhis, Peter and Richael Funeral Service and cremation to take place at Surnley Cromatorium on Friday May 9th at 11 am, Family flowers only by request, but donations if desired may be given to the Farkinson Disease Society c/o Holgate Bros. (Fence) Ltd., tek (01282) 615233.

MCHOLL - Professor Donald aged 73 on 3rd May at home after a long Illness, the dearly loved husband of Dorothy and much loved father, grandfather and houser. E.I.P. Requiem Man will be celebrated at Keele University Chappel on Priday 9th May at 11.30 sm. Family Rowses only. Donations, if flowers only. Donations, if desired, to either CAPOD or Christian Aid via Funeral Directors (decGough & Some tel: 01782-834300). Memorial Service to be held at a later date.

MOAKES - On 2nd May 1997, peacefully in the Nuffield Education, Tumbridge Walls, Stuart, aged 91, dearly loved husband of lean, father of Michael and Barry and the late Anne and Popa to Christophe, David, Vanssea and Triatum. Service of Tumilesgiving at All Saints Church, Brenchley on Monday 12th May at 12.15pm. No flowers, donations if dearned to All Saints Church, Brenchley, closers Peneral Service, 22 Educations of Advance of Church Brenchley, closers Peneral Service, 22 Church Story, 23 Church Story, 24 Church Story, 25 Church Story, 26 Church Story, 27 Chu

PATRIORIE - Suddenly on May 4th after a short illness. Mary, beloved widow of Michael, mather of Kees and James, David and Entie, grandmother of Ketie, Justin, Thomas and Matthew. She will be saily indued by her family and friends. Frivato-funeral.

PELLY - Margaret Estend on 5th May 1997 peacefully aged 66, devoted wife of Airlian cider daughter of the late Roger and Maylel Lambert and dear sister of Henry Lambert and Felicity Hindson. Funeral 2t All. Saints Chunch, East Meen, 8t 2-30 pm on Wednesday 14th May, Franky Lowers only but donations if wished to British Red Cross, London SWII 7EI.

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IN MEMORIAM —

DENBY - Carl, May 7th 1986. My love always, Batty.

SERVICES

MITCHELL - A Service of Thesispicing for the His of Dr. Stanley Mitchell will take place at All Saints Church, Beddiey, m. Rye on Saturday May 24th at 2.30pm, followed by infreshments in the Village Hall. **ALL TICKETS** AVAILABLE Specialise in Windsieden, Grand Prix & all major sporting events, thesare shows & all major pop events inc. U2, M. Jackson, D. Ross, P. Coffices. Tickets bengin & sold Wimbledon debestures beught & sold 0171 821 6616

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OBITUARIES

BRIGADIER MICHAEL HARBOTTLE

Brigadier Michael Harbottle, OBE, soldier. writer and broadcaster. died on April 30 aged 80. He was born on February `7, 1917.

soldier who had been mentioned in dispatches while serving with the infantry in the Second World War and was afterwards Chief of Staff of the UN Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus, Michael Harbonie was subsequently to become so opposed to the West's nuclear arsenal that in some quarters he was regarded as an instrument of Soviet propaganda. In 1981 he and a number of senior officers from all over Europe founded Generals (Retd) for Peace and Disarmament, an organisation which set itself resolutely against the Nato determination to keep pace with the Soviet build-up of intermediate range missiles in Europe.

In particular, Generals for Peace, which was led by Harbottle from its London base, vociferously supported the protests against the deployment of cruise missiles at Greenham Common in 1983. It was also virulently against the siting of Pershing II battlefield support weapons in Germany, arguing that a missile "gap" between the Warsaw Pact and Nato did not exist in Europe and that the extant arsenals of the US, Britain and France were more than adequate to meet tactical needs in the theatre.

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This was a somewhat extraordinary argument given the fact that at that time the Soviet Union was deploying its "battlefield support" \$\$20 missile, which, though it had avoided inclusion in Strategic Arms Limitation Talks, was capable of hitting targets as far west as Dublin and Lisbon with multiple 200 kiloton warheads, from its launch sites deep inside the Soviet Union more than 3,000 miles away. It had also escaped Generals for Peace that the original plea to the US to beef up Nato's . Baroness Young went on to "defective" defences had actu- articulate the view that "the ally been made not by the collective views of Generals for hawkish Conservative Government of Margaret contrary to those of the Gov-

James Ross, MBE,

former president of the

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died on April 12 aged 85.

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Harbottle briefing the Defence Secretary Denis Healey, while on UN duty in Cyprus in 1968

Thatcher, but by Germany's Social Democrat Chancellor, Helmut Schmidt, as early as

In 1984 the activities of Generals for Peace were condemned by the British Government of the day who described them as "a gift to Soviet propaganda". The chairman of the Lords allparty committee on defence. Lord Chaifont (who had been "Minister for Disarmament" in the Wilson Labour Governments of 1964-70) expressed concern about Generals for Peace in a committee report. And in the House of Lords in October of that year. Baroness Young said that some of Generals for Peace's members (though not Harbottle) were members of the World Peace Council, "that principal instrument of Soviet propaganda since the war."

Peace and Disarmament are

for the college, but for British surgery as a whole. Travelling

extensively, he did much to

strengthen the college's corpo-

rate spirit. He also proposed

reforms of higher examina-

tions in surgery which eventu-

ally resulted in the institution

tions in the surgical special-

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recognised by his appoint-

ment to honorary fellowships

of colleges all over the world.

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ernment and our Allies." The composition of the org-

anisation was a slightly strange one, including as it did the disillusioned ex-Bundeswehr general, Gert Bastian, lover of the German Greens' leader Petra Kelly and himself a Green Party member of the Bundestag; three retired admirals, one French. one Greek and one American: as well as nine other European generals. Bastian was later to shoot Kelly and himself in a moment of apparent disillusionment over the failures of their party in the Bundestag.

In the event, the deployment of cruise and Pershing II continued, and is generally regarded as being the act of Nato military-political will which finally persuaded the Soviet leadership that it could never win an arms race with the West.

Michael Neale Harbottle was educated at Marlborough from where he went to Sandhurst and was commissioned into the Oxfordshire and

Buckinghamshire Light Infantry in 1937. A fine cricketer, he captained Sandhurst and, after the war, the Army XI, despite having, by then, lost several fingers, while serving with his battalion in Italy. keeping operations.

For a period after the war he was on the instructing staff of the South African Staff College before returning to regimental soldiering as commander of the 1st Battalion Royal Green Jackets, 1959-62. He was appointed OBE in 1959. From 1962 to 1964 he was garrison commander in Aden, during a difficult period, in which he was heavily involved in a rapidly deteriorating security situation.

After a period in command of 129 Infantry Brigade, TA, he was sent in 1966, to his final posting with the UN in Cyprus, an experience that was to colour his views on peacekeeping operations and attitude to world peace in general - ever afterwards. His period in Cyprus brought

Indar Jit Rikhye, military advider to the Secretary-General of the UN: later the two men were to collaborate on what was to become the standard manual on UN peace-

Harbottle retired from the Army at the end of his UN Cyprus stint, in 1968. He was then, for a period, chief security officer for a diamond company in Sierra Leone. This was the Sierra Leone Selection Trust, then a British owned mining subsidiary of the Consolidated African Selection Trust, which had been fighting a losing battle against illicit mining in its area. Unfortunately, during his first trip from the diamond fields to Freetown with a consignment of diamonds, Harbottle was set upon and robbed of £112 million worth of stones by armed bandits at Freetown airport. The Sierra Leone Government was suspicious that the company had somehow connived at its own loss and the Freetown press launched a

campaign of vilification against it.

Harbonle, in particular. came under fire, being described in the papers in a flight of fancy as a former Congo mercennary specially recruited by the company to set up the hi-jack. Although those who may well have been the real culprits were tracked down and brought to trial. they were eventually acquitted But the Sierra Leone authorities signalled their displeasure by expelling Harbottle and two other Brit-

ish employees of the firm. Returning to Britain. Harbottle devoted his energies to writing and lecturing about UN peacekeeping operations. He was apt to ascribe to these a greater degree of success than the coolest appraisal of the available evidence might suggest. But he continued to be a staunch advocate of UN intervention wherever it might seem to be practicable - from Kashmir to Zaire and from Cyprus to Lebanon.

Harbottle published a num-ber of books, most of which described his experiences as a UN soldier. The Impartial Soldier (1970) was an account of his period as Chief of Staff to General Martola, commander of the UN peacekeeping force in Cyprus. The Blue Berets (1971, 2nd ed 1975) described the five main UN peacekeeping operations going on in the world at that time and analysed their effectiveness. Other titles were The Thin Blue Line: International Peacekeeping and its Future (1974) and (as collator) Peacekeeper's Handbook (1978). His experiences in Sierra Leone were described in a book The Knaves of Diamonds. which was published

Harbottle was general-sec retary of the World Disarmament Campaign — which had been founded in 1980 by Lord Noel-Baker — and Lord Brockway, from 1980 to 1982. He had been director of the Centre for International Peacebuilding since 1983.

Michael Harbottle is sur vived by his wife Eirwen, by the son and daughter of a previous marriage, and by two stepdaughters.

LINE VAUTRIN

Line Vantrin, jewellery designer and sculptor. died in Paris on April 12 aged 83. She was born there on April 28, 1913,

IN Nazi-occupied Paris, Line Vautrin found herself at the centre of bohemian chic. Clothes were in short supply. Fashion-conscious Parisians. of necessity, dressed simply, But they flaunted frivolity in their costume jewellery. Vautrin's extraordinary. whimsical, almost surrealist designs caught their eye.

By the end of the war, and throughout the 1950s. Vautrin was seen as the epitome of neo-romantic fashion. Known as a "poet of metal", she worked in an inventive array of materials: spun glass, wire, resin, ceramic, terracotta, mother of pearl, carved ivory and, most typically, bronze. These she cast or shaped into ever more imaginative forms: chains with links like flurries of angels, visual riddles so beloved of medieval craftsmen, hieroglyphic patterns and Celtic symbols.

As well as jewellery she made slippers, umbrella handies, handbags, powder compacts and mirrors. She pioneered the designer button, made from blown glass with tiny ships inside, or hollowed to serve as scent bottles. Highly sought after by the beau monde, her work was collected by such celebrities as Ingrid Bergman and Brigitte Bardot, Françoise Sagan and Sophie Maugham.

By the 1960s, however Vautrin had turned her back on fashionable retail. Soon she could scarcely find a shop willing to exhibit her work. She remained neglected until 1986 when an auction of her work aroused new interest.

Line Vautrin was born into a family of metal founders. Her forebears had created the bronze decorations for the Palace of Versailles, Line's father taught her the basic techniques of casting, chasing and gilding when she was still a child.

Leaving school as a teenager she started work as a door-girl at the house of Elsa Schiaparelli. But. fiercely independent, she lasted in this job only a few weeks before deciding to set up a business of her own. She designed a collection of bracelets and trinsetting out with suitcase, began to sell them door to door around Paris. Back in her workshops she continued to experiment with materials, particularly gilt bronze — hitherto unheard of in the jewellery trade, and

considered vulgar. When she exhibited at the

in 1937 she made enough money to open her first tiny shop - "the cuphoard" - in the Rue de Berri. Even then financial success was slow to come. From initial casting to final embellishment, each piece demanded intense hours of work which were not reflected in the modest prices.

Nonetheless, her client list grew and she was able to move to an exquisite little boutique on the fashionable Rue du Faubourg Saint-Honore, where she established herself as the "art jeweller" of Paris.

If the war brought difficulties - not least being a scarcity of materials - Vautrin prospered. She soon discovered that Nazi-occupied Paris had an even greater demand than before for beautiful things. "It became obvious," she said, "that the harder things were to manufacture, the easier they were to sell."

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With the end of the war she moved again to a vast 26-room building in the Marais - at that time not the fashionable place that it is today. There, in its maze of rooms, she entered upon the most frenetic period of her life, creating an empire of her own, sumptuously decorated in neo-romantic style.

She expanded her designs to include almost sculptural works - huge barbaric necklaces influenced by her research into ancient goldsmiths, mirrors so heavy that she could not lift them.

In the early 1960s, however, higher rents and an artistic restlessness led her to leave her palace in the Marais. She began to concentrate on working in what became her signature material: a resin which she patented under the name "Talosel", made from cellulose acetate fractured into splinters and worked with heat. She encrusted it with fragments of mirror glass.

Vautrin set up another studio on the Rue de l'Universite where she staved for several years and also opened a shop in Morocco for a while. But gradually she gave up manu-facturing and selling and turned to teaching and the sculpting of large pieces. She found personal gratification in this work but received no response from attempts to exhibit it.

Then in 1986, at an auction in Paris, her work came to the dealer, David Gill. They entered into a collaboration which was to revive her work. Two books were also written about her: Line Vautrin (1992) and Rébus (1994).

Vautrin married Jacques Armand Bonnaud. The marriage ended in divorce. She is survived by a daughter.

PERSONAL COLUMN



which was to persist throughout his professional life. After graduating MB ChB in 1934,

James Alexander Ross was born in Edinburgh but spent much of his early childhood in Brazil where his father was a bank manager. He returned to Scotland when he was nine and was educated at Merchiston Castle School of which he later became a

JAMES ROSS

Governor. In 1928 be entered the medical faculty of Edinburgh Univ-ersity. developing an enthusiasm for anatomy

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he held resident hospital posts before deciding to pursue a career in surgery. He ob-tained the Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons in

He worked briefly as a clinical tutor in the Royal Infirmary but, joining the RAMC Supplementary Reserve of Officers, was called up

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with the outbreak of the Second World War. His first experience of war surgery was in tending casualties from the Dunkirk evacuation and from the Battle of Britain. He met and married an Army nursing sister, Catherine Curtis. But a few months later he was posted to Egypt and three years passed before he saw his

wife again.

During these years, Ross treated casualties from most of the major battles fought by the 8th Army in its North African campaign and in the Allied invasions of Sicily and Italy. Early in 1944, he was posted to No 15 Casualty Clearing Sta-tion with which he landed on the Anzio beachhead. He was appointed MBE (mil) for his surgical services to the wounded during four weeks of particularly fierce fighting. Throughout his military career he kept a meticulous diary which in 1948 he published as Memoirs of an Army Surgeon.

Demobilised in 1945 with the rank of lieutenant-colonel. Ross returned to Edinburgh and worked initially in the university anatomy depart-ment. He graduated MD in 1947 and in that year was appointed honorary assistant surgeon to the Royal Infirmary and to Leith Hospital.

With the establishment of the National Health Service he became one of the two consultant surgeons in charge of the surgical out-patient department of the Royal Infirmary. He then moved to the Professorial Surgical Unit under Sir James Learmonth and when Professor (later Sir) Michael Woodruff was appointed to the Chair of Surgical Science in 1957, Ross became his "sub-chief". In this capacity, he played an important part in the first British kidney transplantation, which was successfully carried out by Woodruff in 1960. In 1961 he was invited to set up and take charge of a new general surgical unit at the Eastern General Hospital. From an early stage in his

veloped a special interest in urology. He published a number of monographs on the subject. But his zeal for anatomical teaching and research was never diminished and in 1984 he co-authored the Manual of Surgical Anatomy. James Ross was honorary consultant to the Army in Scotland from 1970 to 1976. He

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was particularly delighted when the surgical unit at the Eastern General Hospital was selected by the RAMC for the training of its surgical He was appointed secretary of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1960 and in his eight-

year tenure he acquired an unrivalled knowledge of its history, traditions. laws and procedures. His election to the vice-presidency in 1971 was regarded as a natural progression. In 1973 he was elected president. In 1976 he retired from the presidency and from active

surgical practice. In 1978 he published The Edinburgh School of Surgery after Lister. a valuable contribution to Scottish medical history.

Ross's wife predeceased him in 1988. He is survived by a son and a daughter.



TWO MOTOR BANDITS KILLED. CAR OVERTURNED DURING

CHASE BY POLICE. (FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

STROUD, MAY 6 After a chase by police, two members of a London gang were killed early this morning in an accident to the motor car in which they had been travelling about the country. Three more men, who are alleged to be the other members of the gang, who escaped after the accident, were captured in the neighbourhood this afternoon. All five came from Camber

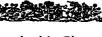
well, their ages ranging from 17 to 26.

The party, which had been in the district some days, and were suspected of robbing garages, had been using a Morris Cowley two-seater car. At 12.25 a.m. to-day they were seen by Inspector Hallett and Detective Swift leaving Stroud in the car in the direction of Painswick, a village four miles away. Policeconstable Price pursued them on a motorcycle, followed by Superintendent Lane and other officers in the superintendent's car.

On entering Painswick, where a garage had just been broken into, the police met the men returning in their car. They were travelling at a terrific speed down the hill which leads from

ON THIS DAY

May 7, 1925



A crime committed in Gloucestershire by men from London shows what opportunities the car was beginning to offer in the Twenties to those bent on mischief.

the village, and narrowly escaped a collision with the police car, which was at once pulled up. A few seconds later a crash was heard, and on reaching a bend in the road the police found that the car had been unable to take it and, running up the footpath, had turned completely over. Two of the occupants were pinned under the car and when extricated were found to be dead.

The three other members of the gang had escaped in the darkness across the fields. A youth, who was near by and saw the accident, being nearly knocked down by the car, saw them make off, limping badly, having climbed over a fence. The bodies of the two dead men were removed to the mortuary at Stroud, and the police made active search for their fellows.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon three men were found by Sergeant Oakley, the officer in charge at Painswick Station, in a field in Greenhouse-lane, Painswick, where they had apparently been resting before attempting to get away from the district. They offered no resistance to arrest and were unarmed. Their ages range from 17 to 19 years. One was wearing only one boot, having apparently lost the other in the accident.

The prisoners gave their names as Frederick Carney, 17 years, Claude Hunter, 18 years, and William Gearing, 18 years, all from Camberwell. They were conveyed to Stroud and will be brought up in the police court to-

The two dead men have been identified as Ernest Assiter, aged 26, and Rupert Walters, aged 21, also from Camberwell.

During the day, Dr. Robertson, a local medical practitioner, visited the mortuary and identified one of the dead men as a man who accosted him on Monday at Cainscress and asked him for petrol, stating that his car had

How do you arbitrate on moral standards today?

Finding a morality to fill a vacuum

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MADDOX

ere is a tough one. How do you set moral standards when there aren't any? The Broadcasting Standards Commission's report published today is a masterpiece of candour. It reveals that there is no national agreement on what is unacceptable, unsocial or even shocking.

This admission is shocking in itself because it reveals that the commission is unsure of its job. The BSC, set in church-like architecture near Westminster Abbey, is charged with policing taste, decency and privacy across all radio and television.

It has now spent some of its million-pound plus annual budget on research by the University of Leeds to tell it what it could have learnt at the pub or from an evening's channel-hopping. We live in two nations. one utterly appalled by the enter-tainment that the other cannot get

enough of. Anybody who ever writes in favour of free speech knows the popularity of censorship. "It's a pity we can't have more of it," a reader in Southend-on-Sea recently wrote to me. "I don't shudder at the prudishness of the past I look back on it as a golden age of entertainment. Another wrote from Hampshire: "What I object to is being turned into an unwill-

ing Peeping Tom." I have some sympathy with their recoil. By no means am I always on the laisser-faire side. Certainly, I have zero tolerance for one of the two phenomena most hated by British television viewers: bad language. Zero tolerance, that is, for four-letter words broadcast before 9pm and at any time of day if uttered in any non-fictional programme where voices share the common currency of acceptable speech. Nothing on air has offended me this year more than Anna Ford saying "shit" on Radio 4's Today. That I was in the back of a taxi in Dublin at the time made it worse. Doesn't she know that this voice of Britain crosses the Channel and the lrish Sea?

The other major cause of offence, according to the BSC's new report, is the depiction of homosexuality as normal. That grievance I'll have to leave to the others. Homosexuality seems to me no more contagious than heterosexuality. But swearing, everybody knows, is catching. Simply switching off soap operas would save many in the audience from the shocks that they complain about, such as the woman who protested that 5.35pm is too early for premature ejaculation (an affliction hinted at on Neighbours). What can viewers expect if they want to see family sagas dragged out over three, four or five nights of a week? The poor writers have to throw in the whole Kraft-Ebbing kit to keep the plot going.

Still, the BSC's statistics are nice to have. especially since opinion researchers acquitted themselves so well last week. The commission now holds sound evidence of the sophistication of the general public. People by and large do not blame television for violence, rather, they see the cause as lying within the breakdown of family discipline. They accept, in general, that regulation should be lighter on subscription channels than on the free terrestrials. What they really dislike they would have toned down, not eliminated.

The gnawing problem, the report says, is that there is no longer any common language for talking about moral standards. People know right from wrong but they do not have the words in which to express their

principles. They are certain of only two things: that they they do not live by the standards of their parents and that the current golden rule nowadays is not "love thy neighbour" but "protect thy family"

Questions of privacy leave them flummoxed, although it would be good to know whether the public thinks that the privacy of Cherie Blair was invaded when she was caught by photographers at the front door in her nightdress.

Unfortunately, nothing about the BSC's vigorous excercise in measuring the national moral ambivalence as Lady Howe, the commission's chairman, says ruefully in her introduction, "makes the business of regulating any easier".

Oh, but it does. The BSC has to carry on doing just what it did before April I when new legislation tucked the old Broadcasting Complaints Commission into it listen to complaints which, by and large, it does not uphold. Taste has moved on. A large part of the audience simply has been outvoted. But it needs a shoulder to cry on.

ichael Jackson. Channel 4's new chief executive, has the easiest job . in British broadcasting. He joins a channel with a firm sense of identity, sound finances and the confidence that if the viewers squawk, the channel is only fulfill-

Pity the BBC he leaves behind, like a crumbling country house which cannot attract new staff. To know why a new head of drama has been so hard to find, you could listen to Peter Ansorge, Channel 4's own head of drama, boast that neither Michael Grade nor John Willis, the director of programmes, ever asked to read a script before he commissioned a play. Perhaps the BBC could find a management consultant to tell it to leave creative people alone.

Brooke is film's funny girl

GRANADA executives have shrouded their latest film venture with much secrecy. The Listener can reveal that the mystery American star signed up by their film division is Brooke Shields.

Shields, who began her film career as a child actor in Louis Malle's Pretty Baby, will star in The Misadventures of Margaret, a comedy jointly funded by Granada Films, British Screen and the French com-

pany TFI. The film will be directed by the British documentary maker Brian Skeet, who has adapted his screenplay from Cathleen Shine's novel Rameau's Niece. Shooting will begin in England in June.

Rock solid

HEART FM, the Londonbased rock music station, is no match for terrorists. The station continued broadcasting last Thursday afternoon, despite receiving a bomb threat connected with a suspicouslooking vehicle parked in the vacinity of its west London



Brooke Shields: new film. Melvyn Bragg: new distributor

studios. The police were called and ordered Heart and all surrounding businesses to their premises

Determined not to interrupt his show, however, disc jockey Danny Pietroni continued broadcasting throughout the security alert, ignoring police appeals for him to clear out.

Not wanting to be seen abandoning his staff in times of need, the station's programme director Keith Pringle went into overdrive, barricading the windows in Pietroni's studio to ensure that minimum damage was done to his DJ should a bomb really go off.

Pringle then sat with Pietroni throughout the scare.

The plucky or foolish Pietroni. depending how you look at it, did not mention the incident

Meanwhile, many of Heart's staff made a hasty retreat to the nearest watering hole. "It was the safest place to be," one staffer assures me.

Absolutely spicy JENNIFER Saunders seems.

smitten with the Spice Girls. Having performed in a lookalike band to raise money for Comic Relief, she is now cowriting a feature film for the pop group.

Described as A Hard Day's Night meets Wayne's World, the film will attempt to recapture some of the madean fun

of the old Beatles' movies. It will start filming in July and songs from the movie will feature on the Spice Girls' second album.

Details of the project are expected to be unveiled at the Cannes film festival this

A fair cop

FANS of The Archers may well be wondering this week what it is about the voice of the character Bert Fry that sounds so familiar.

Although Fry has been mentioned in the show in recent months, he has not appeared in person since last summer when Robert Hume, the actor who played him for eight Fry reappeared on Radio 4

on Monday when the York-shire actor Eric Allen took over the part. A sheepish insider at BBC's Pebble Mill studios in Birmingham, where The Archers is recorded, confesses that Allen has appeared in the series before, playing the role of the police officer who arrested Susan Carter in October 1993 after she gave shelter to her brother, Clive Horrobin, when he was on the run from the law.

Left Bank MELVYN Bragg's South Bank Show and producerdistributor Reiner Moritz. who has distributed the London Weekend Television arts series around the world for the past 20 years, have

parted company.
Instead, Morite's Londonhased distribution company R.M. Associates has now launched its own series The Arts File for international screening, featuring pro-grammes from BBC2's The Works — including the yet-tobe-seen A Death in Venice about the burning down of La

Explaining the break with LWI. Moritz says: "For the sake of ratings the South Bank Show has been looking more and more towards British subjects — British writers, British entertainers and other local talents. These are interesting to British viewers but not so interesting to non-

English-speaking audiences."
He recalls internationally appealing subjects of the past, such as Andy Warhol and Jean Genet, and the fact that the South Bank Show had the last major interview with Simone de Beauvoir.

LWT, which has now signed another distributor for the programme, commented: "We decided in this cut-throat commercial world to explore other avenues for selling the South Bank Show."

A night of true blues

exploit the Conservative Party's massacre at the polls last Thursday. The agency, which had held the Tory advertising account for 17 years until it controversially walked with Maurice Saatchi in 1995, hired a specially liveried van to drive around key locations during the big night.

The vehicle had a picture of a dejected John Major holding his head in his hands and bore the message: "John. Look what happens when you change advertising agencies." Its driver mischievously lingered outside Con-servative Central Office, at M&C Saatchi, 36 Golden Square, the Tories' new agency, and at Major's constituency headquarters in Huntingdon.

Adam Crozier, Saatchi and Saatchis' joint chief executive, insists: "We were not trying to make a serious political point — we were just having a bit of fun." The fact, however, that the

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account is set to be reviewed following a series of clashes between Maurice Saatchi and Brian Mawhinney, the Tory chairman, will surely not have escaped his notice.

THE flagrant use of images of political figures in press ads in the wake of the election have raised the thorny issue of unsolicited celebrity endorsement. Pictures of Cherie Blair, seemingly downing a bottle of Holsten Pils while uttering the line "smoother, cleaner and surprisingly easy to drink", and of John Major in a pullover, supposedly taking advantage of a stock-clearance special offer last weekend at Courts, the furniture

chain, have raised a few eyebrows. The practice of using shots of famous people without their permis-

the images are not "adverse or offensive" and do not imply the person

is really endorsing the product. An Advertising Standards Authority spokeswoman says: "There could be someone somewhere who might well think Cherie endorses Holsten, but most people would see it as just a humorous topical ad so there would not be a problem."

A KEY exercise in whether creative ideas can travel is about to take place. Tango's mould-breaking approach to advertising is about to be exported to China. A new TV commercial has been devised in collaboration with World Writers, which specialises in adapting ads for foreign markets. An insider says: "It's still wacky but not as wacky

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Michael Jackson, newly appointed successor to Michael Grade, has been discussing his plans. Carol Midgley reports

he announcement that Michael Jackson is to become the chief executive of Channel 4 pur an immediate and intriguing ques-

No sooner had the news filtered out that Michael Grade's successor had at last been chosen, than staff at Channel 4 were

been chosen, man start at Channel 4 were asking whether it spelt the potential loss of John Willis.

Willis, the genial director of programmes at Channel 4 who made no secret of his own desire to get the job, is expected to make a decision about his future when he returns from holiday. tomorrow. He once clashed openly with Jackson, director of television and controller of BBC1 and previously of BBC2 accusing him of being the "copycat criminal of British television".

During the spat in 1995, Willis accused Jackson. 39, of turning BBC2 into a mirror image of Channel 4, showing disregard for viewers by scheduling similar programmes in head to head clashes.

But if Mr Jackson harbours any grudge about the attack, he was hiding it well yesterday when he spoke about his appointment for the first time. Jackson, the whippet-thin son of a baker who is tipped to be the next director-general of the BBC, made it clear that he would like Willis to remain, but it was not apparent whether Willis himself will wish to. Staff at Channel 4 say that if rumours about Willis leaving are true, they will have lost one of their most approachable and

"I have a great deal of respect for John." Jackson told a theatre full of journalists yesterday. Talking to people at Channel 4 over the weekend I was struck by the

An information junkie takes over at Channel 4

huge amount of affection there is for him. I am going to sit down with John when he gets back and talk to him about the future. I'm looking forward to that and I hope to have a good relationship with him."

Of the charge that he was a copycat of Channel 4, he said: "I refuted it then and I

still refute it now."

Some insiders believe Willis, who spent
19 years at Yorkshire TV before moving to
Channel 4 in 1988, may have missed out on the job because he had spent 24 years almost exclusively in factual program-ming. It may have been decided that he had not fully developed the innovative flair needed to oversee arts and entertainment programmes. Willis has presided over some of the best documentaries on television and founded, among other

series, Cutting Edge.

Most, however, believe Jackson—
"Well it could have been worse, I could have been called George Michael"— is very good news for Channel 4 with a proven record of talent, experience and innovative thought.

Although less of a colourful and outspoken figure than his predecessor, Michael Grade, he was without doubt one



Antagonists or just good colleagues? John Willis, left. Michael Jackson

of the BBC's brightest stars. Jackson, who is famously said to have taken off his shoes and walked over his office furniture during BBC meetings, is described as an "information junkie" about most aspects of television. As a child he is said to have

played at being a TV scheduler.

David Cardiff, his tutor at the Central

London School of Communication, where

he graduated with first-class honours in

media studies, said Jackson had sized up

the entire industry even as a student. He

before Channel 4 had started. The broadcaster Muriel Gray, who worked with him on Channel 4's The

Media Show, described him as a leader uninterested in hierarchies and pecking

"His whole life is a quest for information," she says. "He was more interested in making programmes than smarming up to people, so I am surprised he has risen so high so fast."

Jackson has explained that his obsession for detail is to compensate for his non-cultural upbringing. Because I grew up in a house without books in it and because I didn't go into an art gallery before I was 18, I had to be self taught, had to be curious," he says.

"People who come from an Oxbridge background are often very well informed but not at all curious, and curiosity is the

Yesterday Jackson admitted that it had been difficult to leave the BBC. "Yes I did have a great job and I loved the people i worked with. I have been supportive of the changes that have taken place there.

His arrival may signal the end of certain shows which he has criticised for appealing to young, lager-drinking, uporiginality. These are, however, unlikely to include Eurotrash, of which Jackson yesterday declared himself a fan, and

the best job in British broadcasting. I feel a great attachment to the channel."

wardly mobile men" at the expense of Chris Evans's TFI Friday which he described as "one of the best entertainment shows on television", Jackson, openly a critic of Channel 4's

late night Girlie Show, indicated he would defend Channel 4's reputation for putting out controversial programmes but acknowledged mistakes had been made. The channel has recently been criticised for offending public taste with programmes such as Brookside and TFI

"If you have got something wrong, hold your hands up and admit it." he said. "If there is something that you passionately believe is right, then defend it. I think the channel has a good record of doing that in the past. I have no problems with programmes that are rude, as long as they are innovative and distinctive, as long as

The relationship with television watchdogs should be one of candid selfcriticism", he said.

Sir Michael Bishop, Channel 4's chairman, said: "Michael brings a wealth of talent and experience from his position at the BBC. I think it is marvellous that someone who was so vociferous in the campaign to establish Channel 4 in his very early career is coming as its chief

Michael Jackson takes up the position

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Champions of children's radio bid for air time

Support is growing for a station dedicated to young listeners, says Gillian Thomas

Radio

helps

children

to learn,

children were an important part of BBC Radio, along with plays, features, talks, quizzes and music - all of which were specially designed for them. But as television grew in popularity Broadcasting

House gradually abandoned them. The daily Children's Hour was axed in 1964 and Children's Favourites, the Saturday morning request pro-paigning to restore children's radio, gramme, in 1967. Listen with Mother attracting support from such varied stopped in 1982. Now, apart from figures as Penelope Leach, Claire schools programmes transmitted in Rayner, Lord Rix and Baroness the middle of the night for teachers to Warnock.

regular slot for children of any age: a half-hour drama on Radio 4 on Sundays at

Yet under-15s make up 20 per cent of the population. Furthermore Article 17 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child stipulates that the mass media should disattend and seminate information and material of social and cultural benefit to children".

That clearly includes radio. For all those who still regard it as an important medium for children, a window of opportunity has nowopened up. A radio station called Children's Radio UK is among pro-posals for the future use of 225 kHz long-wave which had to be subtuitted

to the Radio Authority by March 31.
The frequency was originally allocated to the BBC but never used, so the Department of National Heritage passed it to the Radio Authority for a fourth national independent radio service, alongside Classic FM, Virgin Radio and Talk Radio.

Though most industry insiders still expect the winner to be a sports channel, the proposal for Children's Radio UK is gathering support. It plans to address four age groups under-3s, 4-7s, 8-11s and 12-16s. Its aim is to encourage learning through discovery and enjoyment". Help-lines, a website and full multi-media materi-

nce upon a time, stories for al would be provided to support the

The driving force behind it is Susan Stranks, an actress who was a presenter of Thames TV's Magpie in the 1970s and also had her own series.

Paperplay, she and her husband. Robin Ray, the musicologist and broadcaster, have an 18-year-old son.

For six years, she has been cam-

ren 2000, a voluntary organisation that aims to help focus Lottery and Millennium funding on the needs of children. Its Children's Radio Charter calls for quality programmes made specially for them, not merely as entertainment but also to help them develop their learning skills.

listen' "Children have been abandoned in radio's rush to segregate itself into 'adult' chat or chart-driven formats,"

> "The time has come to reinvent it with programmes that will attract children of the 21st century."

Children's Radio UK would cover everything from rhythm and rhyme to health careers and money-management. Some programmes would be designed to be heard in play-groups and schools as well as at home Special-needs would be catered for

Susan Stranks argues that the benefits of investing even a tiny percentage of the money being spent on nursery and primary schooling would be enormous.

"Alphabet, speech, tables and movement are learnt much faster with the help of music, stories and rhymes," she says. "But primary schools are often short of texts or lack teachers who can play an instrument."



A MORI survey carried out in 1993-94 by Pam Enderby, now a professor at Sheffield University, showed that one in five under-5s had communica-

"When children watch television, the vision and sound compete for their attention and they tend to be distracted by what they see," she says. "Radio helps them learn to attend and listen." In May 1994 Dr Sally Ward of the Hearing, Speech & Language Centre in London reported that the commonest single developmental difficulty in the pre-school years was auditory perception. In the majority of cases the cause was the child's lack of "selection

auditory attention" - in other words

they were not listening properly.

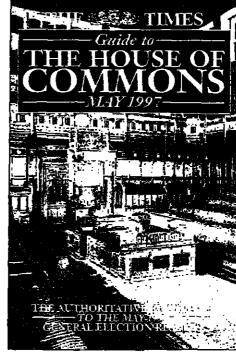
Provisional start-up and running costs for the service are estimated to be around £44 million for the first four years. This would cover operations on 225 kHz as well as the associated digital band which is likely to be a

condition of taking it up. Funding would be sought from the National Lottery, Independent Radio, the BBC licence fee, local education authorities and other commercial and

charitable sponsors. "Children's programmes disap peared from radio because they were not considered to be cost-effective, vet as a medium of communication it is unique," says Susan Stranks. "It adds a room to every home and to lock

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programme is implemented

One journalist who was

throughout Whitehall

ournalists see so much mendacity and hypocrisy J in public life - ministers who say one thing and think another - that most are deeply cynical. Which is why there was more amusement than alarm yesterday over a report from an "aide" to Tony Blair that he would frown on lunches between ministers and journalists.

Most political journalists and their editors enterrain ministers and MPs at least two or three times a week, and they don't expect the lunches to stop whatever the orders from Downing Street.

By lunching politicians, journalists get the inside gossip and burnish their reputations by relaying it, unattributed to their readers and demonstrating how well in-

formed they are. The deal works both ways. As well as a free meal, the goliticians get an opportunity to float their policies, denounce party enemies unhindered by any obstruction from Whitehall and agenda-setting space in influential newspapers. As Michael White of The Guardian points out, one of the paradoxes of power is a . eling of impotence and a



need to address voters over the heads of the formal government machinery. Yet even the most cynical of

journalists have been impressed by the discipline and control exercised by new Labour in opposition, especially during the six-week election campaign. Tony Bevins, the veteran political editor of The Independent, says it is the most all-enveloping, most disciplined political operation he

That is why they were not surprised, as The Daily Telegraph certainly was yesterday, by the "unprecedented" degree of control Tony Blair is exercising, assisted by minister without portfolio Peter Mandelson, chief of staff Jonathan Powell and press secretary Alastair Campbell, over interviews and policy pronouncements by

Ministers have been in-

certainly not surprised was Joe Haines, who had two stints as Harold Wilson's press secretary. He adopted exactly the same policy as Blair and Campbell and scorned the idea that it was "unprecedented". Under Haines, ministers were not allowed to appear on Question Time or Any Questions and one was even sacked for publishing a book on the

grounds that he ought not to

have had the time to write it.

that one minister is not drawn into discussing another minister's remit or being invited on Radio 4's Today programme to discuss, say, law and order and bounced into an interview about divisions on Europe, one of the curses on John Major's Government. If ministers are appearing simultaneously of BBC1 and ITV they should speak from the same

Another legendary predecessor of Campbell's was Bernard Ingham who served Margaret Thatcher. Unlike Haines, he was surprised, especially since the Blair policy is said to be modelled on his strategy during the Thatcher

With so many hands on the tiller, he foresees all the ingredients of a mess, "We never had that kind of control," he said yesterday. "We tried, but the fact is that it was ministers who resented central control from the beginning. In a lastmoving government, often working by the seat of your

pants, it's just not on:" Most journalists act differently once a party is in government, he wrote earlier in The Express. They are

respected. Yet, as David Blunkett discovered from John Humphrys on the Today programme last Saturday, that testing to destruction will undoubtedly occur. "Alastair knows what journalists want and will no doubt be doing his best to stop us getting it except on his terms," says Michael White of The Guardian. Yet, as Bevins says, the job of journalists is to cut through the control, find the weak spots and exploit them. That testing will be at its

ment. As a former journalist

himself. Campbell is widely

greatest on Today, especially of those ministers who are suspected of being less than utterly enthusiastic about the Blair programme - which is why Downing Street will try to stop them appearing.
But as senior Today insiders

point out, the Government will look ridiculous if ministers agree to be interviewed but are not allowed to discuss the most important issues of the day. Ministers will have to defend the Government if they want to stop the Tories making all the running. Grown-up ministers simply will not accept

NEWS

Brown surrenders power to Bank

■ Gordon Brown surrendered the power to set interest rates to the Bank of England yesterday in a daring move demonstrating Labour's determination to be tough on inflation.

The Chancellor announced one of the biggest changes in economic policy-making this century moments after raising the base rate a quarter point to 6.25 per cent. He said that future decisions were to be taken out of politicians' hands to prevent them seeking short-term popularity with voters......Page 1

Acrimony as Hague seeks leadership

■ William Hague will enter the Tory leadership race today after pulling out of a pact with Michael Howard under which he would have run as Mr Howard's deputy. His move provoked an outbreak of acrimony at the top of the party only

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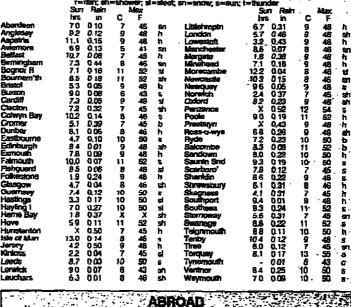
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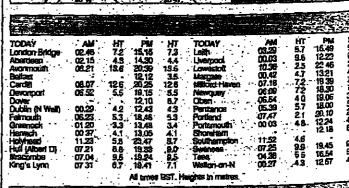
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Shares, sterling and gilts soar on early base rate rise and monetary shake-up

Markets welcome Brown's first moves

Bank of England was greeted with enthusiasm by the City yesterday, which sent the stock market and the pound to new highs.

Mr Brown, who coupled the Bank reform with a quarterpoint rise in interest rates to 6.25 per cent, surprised the City with the speed and scope of his plans. Mortgage rates building societies putting up the cost by more than Mr Brown's quarter per cent.

Traders said Mr Brown had nade a good start in proving himself an "iron Chancellor and dispelling Labour's tradi-

THE Halifax Abbey National, Cheltenham & Gloucester and Northern Rock raised 0.38 per cent. Other lenders are expected to follow. The rises takes effect immediately for new borrowers and from

June 1 for existing borrowers. The Halifax said the rise would add an extra £13.26 to the monthly mortgage bill for a homeowner with a £50,000. interest-only loan.

tional reputation as a tax and

The FT-SE 100 cleared 4.500 for the first time, closing up 67.3 at 4.519.3, although trad-ing was relatively light. But traders said there is still some nervousness about the contents of Labour's mini-budget, planned for July.

The pound also touched a post-ERM high against the mark, climbing 2½ pfennigs to close at DMZ.8202. Sterling's trade weighted index rose nearly a point to 100.6 while the pound gained nearly two cents to finish at \$1.0368. But some analysts said the pound could fall back after Mr Brown's comments that he wanted a "stable and competitive" pound in the medium term.

The outlook for sterling was further clouded after Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England, said yester-day that he felt the current level of sterling is "uncomfortable". He added that he felt it unlikely the pound would be sustained at these levels in the medium term - although the Bank does not make forecasts on the exchange rate." Mr George has been widely perceived by the markets as being unconcerned about the current scaring pound.

Economists predicted the reforms would be likely to limit further interest rate rises this year, with many forecasting that rates will only rise another quarter point. John

GORDON BROWN'S rad- as a "long overdue change that ical plan to overhaul the takes to a logical conclusion the tentative steps made since 1992." But Andrew Sentance. director of the Centre for Economic Forecasting at the London Business School and a former member of the Treatry's Panel of Independent Advisers, gave warning that the Bank of England will face a tough task in determinreceives from the independent

Business organisations also largely welcomed both the rate rise and the reforms. The Confederation of British Industry said the changes would enhance the credibility of the UK's monetary policy and between 0.31 per cent and —industry by reducing the risk premium in UK interest rates.

Gilts enjoyed the biggest one-day rally for five years with June gilts climbing 2932 to close at 11313 sp. Mr. Brown's decision to raise rates was also supported by economic data published yesterday which showed the money supply and service sector growing strongly. M0, the measure of narrow money supply, grew at 6.4 per cent in April, compared with 6 per cent the previous month, although it remains above 0-4



Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, yesterday after announcing the rise in interest rates and his plans for radical reform at the Bank of England

Bank of England to be independent

By Alasdair Murray

THE Bank of England is to gain operational independence in what Gordon Brown, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, described as the most radical reform of the Bank's structure

in its 300-year history. per cent monitoring range.

The Government will continue to set inflation policy targets, but responsibility for changing interest rates will be handed to a reformed Bank of England Mr Brown said he wanted to "remove the suspicion that short-term influences are setting interest rates" and

create a system that is "effective, open and accountable". Mr Brown aims to improve the quality of decision-making at the Bank by appointing four outside members to the Bank's monetary policy committee. The new members, who are expected to be drawn from the City and academia, will be

appointed for three-year terms as full-time Bank employees. The Chancellor plans to appoint a second Deputy Governor for a five-year term. Responsibility for monetary

policy and supervision is to be split between the two deputies. Mr Brown stopped short of fully dividing the Bank's supervisory and monetary policy roles, but said he would undertake further reforms of

supervision in the near future. The Bank's reformed monetary policy committee will meet once a month and set interest rate by majority vote. Minutes of the meetings, and voting records, will be pub-lished six weeks in arrears. The Chancellor also said he would expand the Court the Bank's governing body, to include 16 non-executives "representative of the whole of the United Kingdom". Four new non-executives, drawn from industry, commerce and finance, are to be appointed shortly. The powers of scrutiny of the House of Commons Treasury Select Committee

will be increased. The Bank will also lose its debt-management responsibilities which will be transferred to the Treasury to

Gavyn Davies, chief international economist at Goldman Sachs, has been widely tipped for Deputy Governor, Bridget Rosewell, director of Business Strategies, and Richard Lay ard, a professor at the London School of Economics, are possible appointees to the monetary policy committee.

ensure there is no conflict of

interest during gilt auctions.

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Capital Radio to pay £65m for Virgin rival

CAPITAL RADIO eliminated one of its main competitors yesterday with an agreement to buy Richard Branson's Virgin Radio for £65 million. Capital is to fund the acquisition by issuing 11.9 million Capital shares at 544p to the

Virgin Group. It is also taking

on Virgin Radio's £22 million of debt, raising the total value of the deal to £87 million. Capital shares fell 6p to 539p. Virgin will own 14 per cent of Capital and Mr Branson will become a non-executive director. This is the first time that he has been a director of a public company since the Virgin Group, now privately owned, was floated in the 1980s. A Virgin spokesman said: "Richard agreed to be-

come a director because he is

committed to remaining a shareholder of Capital." The Virgin Radio acquisi-Shepperd. UK economist at tion will allow Capital to Yamaichi, described the move | consolidate its position as the



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country's largest commercial broadcaster and the dominant force in the London market. where it owns Capital FM and Capital Gold. The addition of Virgin FM in London will raise Capital's share of the total London audience from about 23 per cent to about 27

The City believes that Capi-

tal's falling market share, the result of intense competition from Virgin FM and Heart FM, was behind the deal. Paul Richards, an analyst at Panmure Gordon, said: "Capital appears to be buying back market share that it has lost." Virgin Radio, launched four

years ago, consists of the Virgin FM London licence and the Virgin AM national licence. Richard Eyre, Capital's managing director, said that owning the AM licence will allow it to enter the digital audio broadcasating market quickly. Only national licenceholders have been given guaranteed space on the "multiplexes" - the blocks of frequencies assigned to digital broadcasters - that are to be

created next year. Capital reported pre-tax profits of £17 million, up 9 per cent, in the half-year to March 31. The interim dividend rises 7.5 per cent, to 4.3p.

Unilever defends its social chapter stance

BY OLIVER AUGUST AND PHILIP BASSETT

UNILEVER has defended its pro-European stance against shareholder charges that the Anglo-Dutch group is too ea-ger to comply with the EU's social chapter.

Niall Fitzgerald, chairman, yesterday said that British companies had no reason to fear the changes associated with Labour's plans to abandon the British opt-out. He told the annual meeting of Unilever shareholders: "The social chapter is unjustly being used as a proxy for all undesirable Continental social habits."

In a separate move, the Confederation of British Industry signalled its willingness to work with trade unions on dealing with new proposals from Brussels on European social legislation.

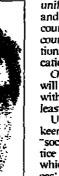
Adair Turner, Director-General of the CBI, also sug-gested that business would be Digital sound era, page 29 | able to accept a specific mini-



Fitzgerald: chapter backer

mum wage figure, saying that business could live with an hourly minimum wage of £3. Unilever has already accepted the social chapter for its UK businesses, guaranteeing them the same treatment as its operations in the rest of Europe.

Mr Fitzgerald said that, so far, there had only been two



changes as a result if this -

uniform parental leave rules and the creation of works councils. He said: "Works councils provide helpful additional channels of communication with employees." Other British companies will not be forced to comply with the social chapter for at least a year. Union leaders in the UK are keen to promote the idea of

social partnership, a practice widespread in Europe, in which employers and employ-ees' leaders reach agreement on legislative and other issues. Currently, unions and business act as social partners in considering new Europe-wide employment laws. With Labour now signing the EU social chapter. Mr Turner indicated that the CBI and the TUC might well now hold joint talks in advance of any European meetings on new social legislation to work out a common point of view if possible.

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Microsoft and Reed Elsevier in venture

By ERIC REGULY

REED Elsevier, the Anglo-Dutch publishing group, has recruited Microsoft, the world's largest software company, to accelerate its move into global electronic distribution.

Microsoft will provide Reed with the technology to allow Reed's customers to access and manage content on computer platforms. As part of the deal, Reed will use Microsoft Commercial internet Systems, a portfolio of commercial Internet services, to put scientific, legal, business and irrivel

information on Internet sites. Among other services, this will allow Reed to form information "communities", allowing lawyers, for example, to share legal information and

talk to each other. Nigel Stapleton, Reed's co chairman said: "By entering into wide-ranging strategic relationship with Microsoft, we expect to deliver state-of-the-art electronic information products to our customers in a more timely and efficient manner.

Reed will pay Microsoft \$30 million over five years. Bernard Vergnes, president of Microsoft Europe, called the payment "fairly insignificant" because the deal is only the start of an alliance with the potential to expand greatly as new content and technology becomes available.

Microsoft recently agreed to help Dow Jones, the publishing company that owns The Wall Street Journal, to upgrade Telerate, its ailing financial information service.

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CBI chief sees 'intense' dialogue with Labour

By PHILIP BASSETT INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BUSINESS is likely to have a more intense dialogue with the new Labour Government than it did with the Conservatives, the head of the Confederation of British Industry said yesterday as he expressed his confidence that Labour in government will maintain its prohusiness stance.

Speaking to The Times about business working with Labour, and business priorities lor the Government, Adair Turner, Director-General of the CBI, said: "We can see there will

need to be a very intense dialogue - in some respects more than with the Conservatives."

Mr Turner was careful to praise Conservative achievements, including ending penal rates of taxation, the recreation of an entrepreneurial spirit and trade union reform, as well as more recent successes, including macro-economic stability. He lauded Kenneth Clarke as "a very good Chancellor overall", but said, too, that he believed that Gordon Brown, the new Chancellor, would "build on" Mr Clarke's achieve-

ments to maintain economic stability.

Mr Turner said: "We feel that there is a Government which has a broadly pro-business point of view." He said that he felt "fairly confident" that Labour would maintain that pro-business position in government.

Although the CBI still opposes key Labour policies such as signing the European social chapter and introducing a national minimum wage, Mr Turner made clear that it would work with Labour to implement them in ways that

offered the best advantages to business. On the social chapter, he held out the prospect of the CBI working with the TUC to coordinate their positions ahead of Brussels making new moves on employment law. On the minimum wage, Mr Turner, for the first time,

put a figure on what might be acceptable to business by agreeing with an independent analysis published yesterday suggesting that the minimum could be as low as £3 an hour. He confirmed that the CBI would be willing to serve on Labour's planned Low Pay Commission, to recommend a minimum wage

level, and on its proposed task force on completion of the European single market.

Business's priorities for the Government included, he said, maintaining macro-economic stability and making sure that any changes such as a minimum wage were introduced in ways that did not harm flexibility or competitiveness.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Fund wins right to pursue US action

won the right to take its \$67 million suit against Arthur Trueger, its co-founder and former manager, into the US courts. The Californian Court of Appeals has overturned a district court ruling last year that US courts had no jurisdiction in the case. The fund will now pursue its claims against Mr Trueger and two of his companies, Berkeley International Capital Corporation (BICC) and the London Pacific Group (LPG). It alleges Mr Trueger mismanaged the fund and did not disclose commissions related to junk bond investments. Between its launch in 1988 and 1995, when the fund's management was handed to Kleinwort Benson, American Endeavour lost \$35 million.

Mr Trueger has filed counterclaims in Jersey and the US for damages of \$446 million. He alleges American Endeavour's action prevented his acquisition of Duff & Phelps, a US fund manager, and stopped the issue of a convertible loan.

Colt turnover doubles

COLT, formerly City of London Telecommunications, saw its turnover double in the first quarter as the company continued to recruit new business customers in London and Frankfurt. Colt made a pre-tax loss of £6.6 million, against a loss of £2.7 million in the same quarter a year ago, on turnover that rose 206 per cent to £15 million. The deeper loss was expected and was the result of increased expansion costs. Colt plans to offer services in Paris, Munich, Hamburg and Berlin later this year. The shares closed unchanged at 280p.

Quality Care in talks

SHARES of Quality Care Homes, the nursing group, are expected to rise sharply today after Principal Healthcare confirmed it is in talks with a view to making a recommended offer for its rival. A cash offer would add to the fortune of Donald Bannatyne, its founder and chairman, who holds a 50.2 per cent stake. The company, currently valued at £43 million, has an average occupancy of 90 per cent, and this year is expected to lift pre-tax profits by 10 per cent, to £6.2 million. Its shares held at 307-2p yesterday.

Ericsson Sussex move

ERICSSON, the mobile phone company which has become Sweden's fastest growing business, is moving the centre of one of its main divisions from Stockholm to Horsham, West Sussex. Its Business Unit Transport & Cable Networks arm, which employs 2.300, will move this summer as part of an attempt to reverse its current underperformance. About 70 staff will be transferred. It said it was attracted by the deregulation in the UK market.

S&P buys fund analysts

STANDARD & POOR'S, the rating agency, has bought Fund Research, the investment fund analysis group, for an undisclosed sum. The founders, Peter Jeffries and Richard Timberlake, will move with the company, which will be called Standard & Poor's Fund Research. Standard & Poor's rates 500 money market and bond funds worldwide. Fund Research analyses funds in ten regions and sectors, such as America. Europe, UK Equity Income, UK Equity Growth and Japan.

T&N sells subsidiary

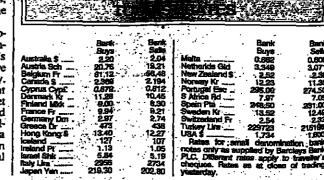
has sold the Ferodo Caernarfon clutch facing and industrial friction products business to US investors for £5 million cash. Proceeds from the sale will be put into the fund that has been set up in respect of future asbestos-related claims, said T&N. In 1996, Ferodo Caernarion recorded a pre-tax loss after attributable financing costs of £200,000 on third-party sales of £9.6 million. Its net assets are worth about £8 million.

Birmingham City profit

THE sale of Gary Breen, the Republic of Ireland international defender, to Coventry City, the Premiership football club, for £1.4 million, helped Birmingham City to a £2.7 million profit in the six months to February 28, the first figures the First Division club has released since it joined the AIM. This compares with a £1.87 million loss last time for the last financial year. There is no interim dividend. The club expects to use the £7.5 million proceeds of its flotation to buy new players.

Cantab in the black

CANTAB PHARMACEUTICALS, the biotech company that develops products for the treatment of infectious diseases and cancer, earned pre-tax profits of £3.28 million in the three months to March 31 (£1.8 million loss). Revenues of £5.38 million (£17.000) included a £5 million ficence fee from Glaxo Wellcome. The companies are working to develop Cantab's DiscHSV technology for genital herges. Earnings were 0.21p a share (0.17p loss). The shares were unchanged at 9821-p.



Lloyd's may collect only half £600m names' debt

By Jon Ashworth

LLOYD'S of London has conrecover half the £600 million in outstanding debt owed by names around the world.

More than 1,300 writs have been issued with a view to squeezing funds out of nonpayers, but recoveries may rove disappointing.

The admission came as Lloyd's published its annual report for 1996, disclosing that lawyers and accountants were paid £24 million last year for their work on the reconstruction and renewal programme. Total operating costs at the Corporation of Lloyd's came to £222 million, of which £42 mil-

European chief quits at GGT

By JASON NISSÉ

GGT Group, the advertising agency, was vesterday dealt a blow only weeks after completing the £96 million purchase of BDDP when Jan Hall, GGT's European chief, unexpectedly resigned.

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Ms Hall has been with GGT three years and will leave next month. Along with Mike Greenlees, chairman of GGT, and Mark Baylis, finance director, she masterminded the purchase of BDDP, which more than doubled the size of the group.

It is understood that Ms Hall's role in the group was reduced because of the increased role of Jean-Marie Dru, chairman of BDDP. Ms Hall, who more than earned £200.000 last year, is in talks about compensation. The takeover has been dogged by defections from BDDP, the latest being the

Rastoin to Ogilvie & Mather. Ms Hall's departure was announced after the

departure of Natalie

lion was directly attributable to reconstruction and renewal. A further £68 million was incurred in connection with Equitas, set up to reinsure 1992 and prior-year losses. The cost was borne by Equitas premiums paid by members.

The Corporation saw its deficit for the year deepen from £13.8 million in 1995 to £484 million in 1996 - effectively the Corporation's contribution to recontruction and

Various fund-raising measures included the sale of Lloyd's of London Press, the sale-and-leaseback of the 1986 Lloyd's building, and the mortgaging of the 1958 building. The council sanctioned a £300 million syndicated loan, repayable over five years, on

which £7.5 million in interest

has been paid. Losses on the Corporation's core activities deepened to £10 million (£4.5 million). Bob Hewes, finance director, said some of the expenditure would fall away as the number of resigning names diminished. and legal costs associated with debt recoveries were reduced. A modest surplus was budget-

ed for 1997. Sir David Rowland, chairman, was the highest paid council member in 1996, receiving a non-pensionable salary of £450,000, and £18,000 in benefits, topped up with a

E400,000 bonus. Ron Sandler, the chief executive officer, saw his salary increased to £350,000 (£250.000), and received £112,500 in bonuses. He was given £87,500 (£62,500) towards his pension, and re-

ceived £9.500 in benefits. Between 50 and 60 employees across all levels received bonuses worth between £5,000 and £75,000 for their work on reconstruction and renewal. ☐ The appeal in the so-called Clementson case, in which names alleged breaches of articles of the Treaty of Rome with respect to the Lloyd's Central Fund, was dismissed yesterday, when the plaintiffs failed to lodge a security for costs of £500,000. The order for costs was made by the Court of Appeal on March 25.



A dispute over the late delivery of Le Shuttle rolling stock is likely to be settled for less than £100 million

Eurotunnel £1bn claim 'cut'

By Jason Nisse

EUROTUNNEL may have to settle for less than one tenth of the El billion it claimed from Trans Manche Line, the builders of the tunnel, for late delivery of Le Shuttle rolling stock, after a mixed decision in a ruling over the claim.

The Panel of Experts, which rules on disputes between Eurotunnel and TML, said

TML has to pay damages for the late delivery. But the Panel said TML did not have to compensate Eurotunnel for loss of revenue.

The trains and carriages. built by a consortium including Bombardier, Fiat and British Rail Engineering, cost Eurotunnel £700 million and were delivered between six and 12 months late, partly because of extra safety checks.

Eurotunnel said two years ago that it was suing for El billion in compensation. Yesterday it said it may press for further legal arbitration. However, talks with the tenwhich includes Tarmac, Taylor Woodrow and Wimpey, on settling the level of damages

are now starting. It is expected the final payment will be under £100

and the manufacturers. The El by Sir Alastair Morton, former Eurotunnel chairman, as one of the saviours of the debtridden group. A £2.5 billion claim against British Rail and SNCF, the French railways, was dropped last year. Details of Eurotunnel's third debt restructuring are expected in the next fortnight.

Shell fails

to meet

standards

SHELL, the Anglo-Dutch oil

company facing a challenge

from environmental activists

at its forthcoming annual

meeting, is failing to comply

with environmental legisla-

Shell's Health, Safety and

Environment Report, pub-

lished today, reveals the com-

tion in Nigeria.

Norwich sets dealing date

By Marianne Curphey, insurance correspondent

DEALING in shares in Norwich Union will begin on June 16, bringing to an end 200 vears of mutuality, it was

announced yesterday. More than 2.9 million qualifying members will have the opportunity to trade in 1.3 billion free shares on that

date, Norwich Union said. They stand to gain an average of 300 to 400 shares worth between 220p and 265p, with an initial estimated value of between £660 and £1,060. Early valuations put a tag of

E5 billion on the company. A revised forecast of the flotation price will be included in a mini-prospectus to be sent to members on May 21. That date will also mark the beginning of a book-building exercise for institutions. They will be offered a proportion of the £1.75 billion of new shares. Of this, £1.5 billion will be paid into the with-profit fund of

NU's main UK life company. About 1.8 million with-profit policyholders will net an average of £800 worth of free

A further million non-profit policyholders will receive a

fixed allocation of 150 shares worth between £330 and £400. Members need to return their application forms with payment by June 10. The minimum application for members is £400 and the maxi-

shares. They will receive a minimum of 300 shares with

additional shares based on the

value and duration of their

policies as at October 1, 1996.

pany has yet to comply with recent legislation introduced in Nigeria which introduces mum £100,000. The minimum for non-members is £1,000. standards comparable to those in the USA. The oil company states that it is working to renew ageing facilities and to bury flowlines, most of which date from the 1960s and 1970s.

Shell faces a financial probem in Nigeria which is hindering progress towards compliance as its joint venture partner, the state oil company, has been denied sufficient government funds to meet agreed budgets. Shell said esterday that two other developing countries, Venezuela and Egypt were expected soon to adopt US environmental

Raymond adviser to pay £1m settlement

By Paul Durman

THE senior West End lawyer who is one of the closest advisers to Paul Raymond, the property and sex industry tycoon, has agreed to pay more than El million to settle a legal action in which he was accused of abusing a client's pension fund.

Mark Duval, a senior partner at the St James's firm of Amhurst Brown Colombotti, will have to find about

£475.000 for Henry Rowe, his former client and friend. He will also have to pay a share of the legal costs, which could reach £2 million, according to

one prospective witness. Mr Duval is a director of the Paul Raymond Organisation and a trustee of the trusts that control the £350 million empire, whose interests range from soft pornography to central London property. Along with Carl Sintcher, Mr Duval is one of the closest

advisers to the 71-year-old Mr flats in Bournemouth. Mr Duval. Raymond. The settlement means that all allega-

tions of impropriety made against Mr Duval have been withdrawn. Although the professional in-demnity insurers to Amhurst Brown

Colombotti are expected to bear part of the cost of settlement, Mr Duval will also have to find a substantial The dispute centred on a block of

through one of his numerous companies, acquired a half-share in this property in September 1988. Planning permission was refused a few months later, and the stake in the property was sold again to Mr Rowe's pension fund, whose trustees included Mr Duval.

This move, made just at the start of the recession, lost several hundred thousand pounds for Mr Rowe's pension fund. City Diary, page 29

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Opportunity knocks for Old Lady

☐ NO ONE was more delighted than Eddie George, if seems, in discover on Monday morning that the Bank of England's carefully prepared contingency plans for a Labour Government were not what was needed. The post-election version of Labour-policy allows the Bank's new monetary committee to dispose. of interest rate initiatives and not just propose them.

Financial markets were almost as delighted as the Governor. The fear of greater short-term pain, now that political anaesthetic has been withdrawn, was. judged to be less than the potential pleasure of a cut in long-term interest rates.

Once the understandable eu-phoria subsides, the problems of change will come more into focus, industry and its stakeholders will realise that Gordon Brown's daring, if pragmatic, reform will have much in common with monetary union.

To the extent that any official hand influences the foreign exchanges, the Bank's monetary committee will control the level of sterling as well as determining interest rates. That may prove-uncomfortable if early decisions err on the side of caution to make sure the Bank meets its inflation targets. Sure, the Bank will have

some responsibility for exchange yound that, the likely candidates rates and employment. But it and their day-to-day role are, to will be like the blurred background of a holiday snap.

who seems set for regulation.

Behind them and Mervyn King, the once free-thinking economist who has taken on

deep Bank colouring, will lie a new syndicalist Court of all the

interests, judging the executives' performance from their own

perspectives. Mr Brown should

be able to choose a near-majority

will be the new breed of mone-

tary commissioners. They will

each have a vote that counts, which makes the job more important than it was under

Labour's pre-election plan. Be-

Alongside the Bank's executive

of these within ten months.

be generous, sketchy.
In America and Germany, Personalities will determine such folk come from regional how cautious policy becomes: state banks. In the UK version, it and few of them are known. There is Steady Eddie himself. is not yet certain whether they will have offices, secretaries or the Montgolfier of interest rates. But he will have a new deputy looking over his monetary shoul-der who is more likely to be computer terminals, let alone whether they will be paid enough to attract anyone but academics, the only breed likely to be able to Gavyn Davies than Howard,

continue an outside job.

Most of all, Bank and Treasury will be terrified of the committee leaking, as committees tend to do. The Millennium nightmare will be a repeat of the 1960s Bank Rate tribunal.

No reward at the checkout

□ WHAT is the price of loyalty? At J Sainsbury, the answer has recently been disconcertingly high. Today, as the company reports dismal, but sensibly fore-shadowed, profits, its main task PENNINGTON



is no longer being forced to pay painfully to win back the business that was spirited away by slicker competitors.

Hoover amply demonstrated the folly of buying short-term sales growth with largesse. Far from building loyalty to the brand, that free-lights fiasco caused unquantifiable damage to the company image. Sainsbury's scheme of en-

couraging customers to splurge by offering bountiful bonus points to be credited to its Reward loyalty card is not in the same league of ludicrous shadowed, profits, its main task will be to convince the City that it been costing the company more

Court stops

Brazilian

mine sell-off

THE \$5 billion privatisation of CVRD, the Brazilian state

mining group, was halted midway through the bid-

ding yesterday when a court official charged on to Rio de

Janeiro's stock exchange

Officials of Brazil's Nat-

ional Development Bank

said they expected to quash

the court order soon and

The halt, which occurred

just as the bidding reached a

13.2 per cent premium over the 26.67 rears (about \$25)

per share base price, extend-

ed a week-long battle be-

tween government lawyers

resume the auction.

and courts.

floor with an injunction.

in margin loss than it has been winning in profits. Increasingly, sophisticated customers know a bargain when they see one and they have, apparently, been happy to take advantage of those on offer at Sainsbury's.

Will they continue spending when the special offers become less special? Although David Sainsbury is expected to make much today of his sales growth figures, they will not provide the answer to that crucial question.
Unfortunately, what they will show is that arch rival Tesco is

continuing to grow its like-forlike sales at a considerably faster rate, in spite of the Sainsbury promotions Sainsbury is not a basket case

by any means, but it has stumbled badly, as profits down well over £100 million to about £650 million demonstrate. Those who have lost most from its fall have been the Sainsbury family, who have seen their fortune severely diminished by the stock's performance. The City should be wary of helping to rebuild that fortune group has found a way to retain customer loyalty without paying a pointless premium.

Branson calling

☐ EVEN if he professes disdain for its output. Richard Eyre's decision to buy Virgin Radio has more obvious commercial logic than his recent move into catering. Accumulating a tighter hold on London's advertising airwaves will improve Capital's sales effectiveness: Virgin had been a noisy, if not particularly successful competitor.

The two London stations will retain their separate identities. we are told, but we can expect them to co-operate rather than compete. When such strategies are mooted in the airline industry. Mr Branson has been known to get a little hot under the open-necked shirt, but flexibility is a sensible characteristic for a successful

entrepreneur. For Capital, the deal represents a reasonably priced way into winning the national licence it has been keen to acquire. With Radio One's listening figures plummeting in the absence of the raucous Chris Evans, there is room for a serious contender to win the hearts, and spending power, of youthful listeners.

The deal also brings Capital, and Richard Eyre, the un-quantifiable benefit of Mr Branson as a major shareholder and a non-executive director.

Quite how he will perform will be fascinating to see. The bearded balloonist has not previously given indications of being fully in sympathy with current boardroom etiquette.

Bank notes

□ NO doubt emissaries of the solicitors Norton Rose are by now engrossed in their inquiries into how Hambros Bank conducted itself in the infamous Lanica affair. But there is some scepticism as to how far up the hierarchy of the bank inquiries might need to progress. City are not unknown to each other, and Norton Rose and Hambros are far from being strangers.

Ryanair on course to float

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

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RYANAIR, the Irish airline, is planning to seek a listing for its shares on the Irish stock exchange and a Nasdaq quotation in New York through an offering of 54.2 million shares, the

company said.

The offer price is expected to be between Irl65p and Iri95p a share, valuing the company at be-tween Ir£261.2 million and lr£308.7 million.

Currently, 62 per cent of Ryanair is owned by the family of Tony Ryan, its founder, 20 per cent by David Bonderman, the chairman, and the remaining 18 per cent by other top management. A mid-range price for the shares of irl80p would value the Ryan family stake at about Ir£175 million.

The flotation Will consis of an offer of shares to investors in Ireland, a public offer in America, and offers to professional investors in Britain and continental Europe A pathfinder prospectus will be published shortly. Dealing in the shares is expected to begin by the end of May.

BP rises to £755m and adds to share of UK gas market

BRITISH PETROLEUM has sharply increased its share of the UK gas market, helping the oil company to raise its up-stream performance and lift profits in the first quarter from £633 million to £755 million.

BP's worldwide oil and gas production was its highest for six years in the first quarter. Gas volumes were up 6 per cent partly because of strong sales in the UK. Worldwide oil sales rose 3 per cent. BP's gas sales in the UK have

benefited from settlement, ear-lier this year, of the take or pay contract dispute with the for-mer British Cas. The deal has enabled BP to sell gas unwant-Centrica, the new gas marketing company, in the market. Rodney Chase, BP's exploration director, said that the company's UK market share has grown to 16 per cent from 12 per cent, two years ago. John Browne, chief executive, said BP's first-quarter pre-exceptional profits were a record.

up 27 per cent in dollar terms



Browne self-help

and 19 per cent in sterling. He said: "Half of the gain is self-help and half of it is down to In 1995, BP set itself a target of \$1.5 billion of self-help profit improvement over five years and achieved \$600 million in the first year. Mr Browne said that BP had achieved \$120 million in self-help in the first quarter out of a target of \$300 million for the year. He indicated that about \$100 million came from better volumes and

from lower costs.

The bulk of the profits gain came from exploration and production, with a rise in replacement cost operating profit to £913 million (£737 million). BP has had little success in new wells in the Atlantic Frontier after initial finds West of Shetlands. BP said the overall operat-

ing environment was more favourable because of the higher oil price. Average realisations were \$21.30 compared with \$18.50 per barrel a year ago. Refining and marketing profits were £179 million (£156 million) on better volumes and unchanged margins. BP said the benefits of the joint venture not show up in figures until the end of the year.

Net debt was \$6.1 billion at the end of March. Gearing stood at 28 per cent. BP is paying a quarterly dividend of 5.25p a share, the same as last quarter, but up 24 per cent on the previous year.

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Bre-X stock collapses as trading resumes

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

SHARES in Bre-X, the disgraced company at the centre of the world's biggest mining fraud, feil sharply after trading resumed on the Toronto Stock Exchange.
The shares, which had once

been worth more than C\$280,

slumped from C\$3.17 to 6.50 cents, after the announcement by Strathcona Mineral Services, a mining consultancy. that there was no significant amount of gold at the Busang site in Indonesia. Bre-X had claimed the site was the largest gold deposit in the world. Yesterday was the first chance that investors had to react to the Strathcona report. More than 35.4 million Bre-X shares, about half the exchange's normal overall daily trading volume, changed hands in the first hour, over-

loading the computer system

and forcing another halt in Bre-X trading.
Officials at Nasdau, the
American stock market that also quoted Bre-X shares, have summoned directors of Bre-X to appear at a hearing before the exchange's listing qualifications panel. Trading in Bre-X shares on Nasdaq will remain suspended until a decision has been reached on the legitimacy of the compa-

nv's claims. Both Freeport-McMoRan. Bre-X's US partner at Busang, and the Indonesian Government, which had a stake in the mine, are pulling out of the project. Nasumba Group, the Indonesian company in-volved is closely linked to President Suharto of Indonesia, who is in the middle of an

election campaign. The debacle is also being investigated by the Ontario Securites Exchange and by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police's commercial crime unit.

Wace says £14m revamp has failed to halt decline

By Fraser Nelson

SHARES in Wace fell a further 45 per cent yesterday as the paper, packaging and printing combine admitted that the £14 million spent on restructuring itself last year has failed to halt the decline in its profits.

The company, which only two months ago issued an upbeat assessment of its prospects, shocked the City by giving warning that its US pre-printing operations were still losing money, with no sign of improvement. Analysts are now expecting the com-pany to lose £10 million in the full year, against previous forecasts of £9 million profit. Stephen Puckett, finance director, said: "We knew the US operations made a loss in January and February, but in March individual businesses told us things were getting better, and this went in the statement. But they have very short order books - hours rather than days - and high fixed costs."

The warning was the company's third in 12 months. Mr Puckett said that more bad news is unlikely, but admitted that the company was in no better position to forecast now than it was six months ago.

Peter Brown, chairman of Riverside Press and Dawson Holdings, the printing com-

panies, will this month replace Frans ten Bos, the former Scottish international rugby player, as chairman of Wace.

Analysts suggested that his appointment may put pressure on Trevor Grice, chief executive, who launched the company into a £50 million expenditure programme that continued throughout the downturn. Wace's debt is now heading towards £65 million. and is expected to cost £5 million in interest this year.

Wace shares, which have fallen from 250p in 12 months, slid 33½ p to 41p yesterday.

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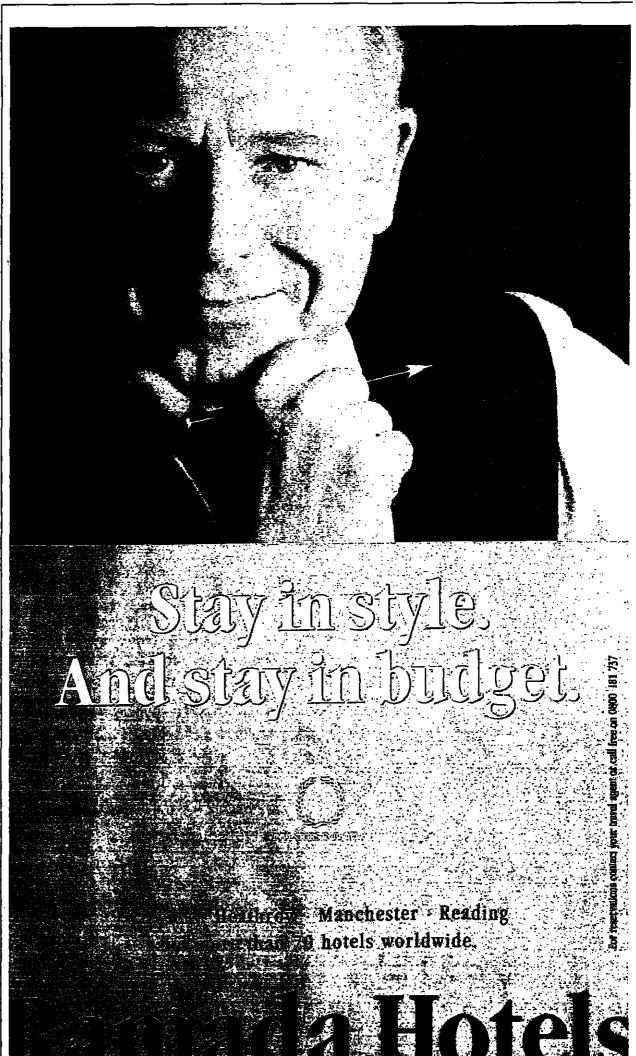
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MICHAEL CLARK

Gilts and shares cheer independence for Bank

the Bank of England was celebrated in style with the subsequent quarter-point rise in interest rates to 0.25 per cent taking second place.

Government securities led the celebrations with gains of more than 54 at the longer end of the market in the busiest day's trading since Black Wednesday. Share prices also re-sponded positively, breaching 4500 for the first time, to close at yet another all-time high. The FT-SE 100 index ended just below its best, but still 63.7 points up at 4.519.3.

Prices were first of all marked sharply higher during the pre-market warm-up to reflect Wall Street's 143-point leap overnight. But everything was put on hold after it was announced that the monetary meeting between Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, the Governor, had been brought forward 24 hours. An early lead of 40 points was halved, but the market quickly rebounded.

The subsequent rise in rates had already been factored in tothe market. However, the move to offer the Bank independence. enabling it to adjust rates as it sees fit came out of the blue and was warmly received.

Richard Jeffrey, head of economic research at Charterhouse, said: "Everything has been led up by the gilt market which is clearly impressed with this change in the setting of monetary policy and partial independence for the Bank of England".

First-quarter figures from BP exceeded most expectations and the shares responded with a rise of 29p at 732p. Utilities bounced back after

Friday's falls, generated by renewed windfall tax fears. National Power rose op to 521'2p and United Utilities put on 19½ p to 668½ p, while BT put on 3p at 400p. Railtrack shed 12½p at 424p. worried by John Prescott's decision to take transport under his wing.

BSkyb, 40 per cent owned by News International, owner The Times, rose 284p to 59512p. The group is expected to announce its digital television tie-up with BT today.

It was a bad day for shareholders of Wace Group as the price plunged 33½p to 4lp, lopping £26.5 million from the market price of £58.9 million. It follows the printer's third profits warning of the past vear with little sign of a pick-



Whitbread led the way in the brewing sector with 21p rise

undertaken by its jointly owned company Reed Elsevier. Reed

talked to a group of fund managers over dinner at the Savoy

up. Trading in the US remained poor and the group is expected to report an operating loss for the year.
Superscape VR continued

to reel from last month's news of increased losses in the first half, with the price tumbling 22½p to 212½p. During the past two weeks the price has fallen from the 300p level. Chesterfield Properties

um after a placing by Rowan Darrington, the broker, at 117p. Shares in the paper The City last night had ample opportunity to tax Reed International on the proposed \$30 million deal with Microsoft

software group, rallied 2312p

to 29212p as the chairman, managing director and fi-

nance director all took advan-

tage of last week's fall in the

price following a trading up-

date to top up their holdings.

big board with a useful premi-

Salehurst started life on the

Hotel. It was hosted by Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker. dropped of 2p to 60812p after supplier started life at 12212p Robert Maxted, chief execurive, slashed the value of some the group's investments resulting in a drop in the net

aset value from 595p to 528p. The profit takers moved in and wiped 7p off Arion Properties at 2212 p. Only last week the group announced it was pondering the possibility of arranging a reverse takeover.

Vega, the computer and

and touched 12412 p before settling at 124p, a premium of 7p. Buyers were out in force for

Whitbread with the price rising 21p to 7802p ahead of full-year ligures today. Brokers are looking for pre-tax profits to rise from £283.1 million to £320.1 million. But there is also talk it may announce the disposal of certain pubs and off-licences. Merrill



urging clients to buy ahead of the results. Lehman Brothers is also pushing the shares.

Bass was another firm spot, adding 92p at 8262p after some positive comments from ABN Amro Hoare Govett. Analyst Eric Frankel says Bass has underperformed the other two main brewers recently and should be bought.

The group is still waiting to find out from the Monopolies Commission if it will be allowed to proceed with its bid for Carlsberg Tetley. Mr Fran-kel thinks the deal should be allowed. "Bass would not allow itself to pay too much for Carlsberg Tetley. It should not have to sacrifice earnings growth to satisfy any conditions laid down by the Gov-ernment. The MMC should let them have it. Bass is the only

buyer for the business". Frazer Ramzan. drinks analysts at Lehman Brothers, says there are a number of questions that need to be answered about the brewers, but he was optimistic about the outlook in spite of yesterday's rate rise.

Scottish & Newcastle ended the day on a firm note with a rise of 182p at 6932p, while there were also gains for Joseph Holt, 1212p to £28.50. Grosvenor Inns. op to 211 2 p. and Greenalis, 6½ p to 507 ½ p.

Elsewhere in the sector, fast growing PizzaExpress retreated 12p to 652½p as Janus Capital Corporation, its big-gest shareholder, sold some more shares in the market reducing its holding from 16.9 per cent to 15.27 per cent, or 10.34 million shares.

GILT-EDGED: It was the busiest day for bond traders since Black Wednesday. The move to offer the Bank of England partial independence sent prices soaring at the longer end by more than £4. As one broker commented: The move will protect the market from inflation". In the futures pit, the June

series of the long gilt leapt

£2932 to £1131322 as a massive

230,000 contracts were com pleted, the second highest traded in one day. In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 raced ahead £33132 to £10858, while among shorter dated issues Treasury 8 per cent 20000 put on E716 at E1031532. ■ NEW YORK: The Dow Jones industrial average. bucking profit-taking and a weak bond market, extended

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Labour traps the bears

THE world has turned upside down. A Labour Government is elected and the new Chancellor's first move is to hand over control of macroeconomic policy to the Bank of England. Gilts soar, dealing room screens turn blue and the FT-SE 100 surges upwards.

Cynics may wonder whether the Governor's new independence is guaranteed to survive right up to the next election but the decision to hand over monetary policy to the Bank has removed a huge amount of political risk, leaving investors with the prospect of lower long-ferm interest rates. The stability generated by such a policy for industry as well as the financial markets will lead to expectations of an even lower inflation target than the current 25 per cent and that should improve

the value of all financial assets. It is not all good news: investors in cyclical

shares will have winced at the quarter-point rate hike, predictable though it was. The prospect of tighter monetary policy means that sterling will remain a hard currency, tough news for exporters. In this topsy-turvy world, the expected winners under a Labour Government may be, even more so, the winners of the last Tory Government. Highly rated growth stocks, blue chip international companies, should do well whereas the highyielding inflation hedges will suffer and fund managers who have consistently backed these plays will again suffer.

Having unshackled the Bank, the Chancellor has left himself little room to play with tax. Gordon cannot create an inflationary boom, if Eddie can choke it off, so fiscal policy will follow a similar course. Those who sold ahead of Labour will be cursing.

Reed/Elsevier

AT LAST, Reed Elsevier is paying more attention to the management of its own businesses than the acquisition of others. The strategic shift came to light in December, when the Anglo-Dutch publisher issued a trading statement that came close to a profits warning. Since then, talk of a mammoth acquisition has all but disappeared.

Reed's worst problem has been its inability to offset the decline in hard-copy publishing, which accounts for fourfifths of its business, with growth in electronic publishing. But Microsoft has come to the rescue. For a price, Reed will use Microsoft's commercial Internet portfolio, such as the Microsoft Internet Explorer, to make Reed's scientific professional, business journals and databases readily available

computer platforms Reed is right to assume that its best prospects lie in the business-to-business electronic publishing and online market.

Lexis-Nexis, the big online service that it purchased three years ago, continues to drive Reed's performance and any improvements in electronic delivery elsewhere

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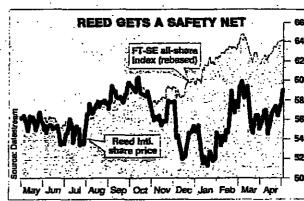
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TREVOR GRICE, chief exec-

can only improve the group's fortunes

If Reed's efforts succeed in reversing the relative decline of hard-copy sales, share-holders will be more willing to support an acquisition of the Lexis-Nexis scale. With Microsoft, management has taken a step in the right should back them



BP

BP is generating so much cash that it will find itself in a delicate position by the end of this year. Gearing is down to 28 per cent and a company capable of achieving strong double-digit earnings growth should maintain some debt in its balance sheet. But the oil company could easily produce £1.4 billion in net cash flow after capital expenditure and dividends in the current year.

That gives BP the scope for huge investment or a payback to investors and the latter seems more likely. Assets in the oil industry look expensive at present and the current BP board has not the extravagant mindset of its predecessors; the guiding principle is to make more with less. So investors should probably expect a payout. Last year, the cash dividend cost some £700 million; BP could easily double that and leave money in the kitty.

At least part of BP's success

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Wace

utive of Wace, is proving adept at both creating and destroying value with little skill in preserving it. He rescued the printing services company from debts of £100 million, but wrecked the recovery and is now turning the cash pile back into debt. A glance at his chosen method cost cutting means the profit warnings will still shock the market, but should no longer surprise. By doing away with expen-

sive printing executives, Wace has learnt belatedly

this year has been in a big that the business depends on contacts: the departing managers have taken a herd of clients with them. Reports of its New York office losing 60 per cent of profits after sacking a key executive are not encouraging. No lear, says Wace, we will dispose of some prepress assets and raise some money. But customers can buy their own pre-press kit cheaply now and Wace is un-

likely to raise much cash. Worse still, new acquisitions are bringing problems.
Meanwhile, Wace is persisting with £30 million of capital expenditure this year, aimed at improving profits in its 1% proprinting business. its UK pre-printing business while profits are disappearing in other divisions. The situation is now dire. The new chairman may raise a hope, but Wace has promised jam tomorrow too often before. Selling shareholders will be hard-pushed to find buyers: their only hope is a takeover bid or a very slow recovery.

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So why is Capital buying Virgin Radio? The acquisition will consolidate Capital's position as the largest commercial radio operator in the country and, more importantly, climinate a competitor in the London market Furthermore, Virgin Radio, through Virgin AM, will give Capital its first national licence

Owning a national licence will speed up Capital's entry into digital audio broadcasting, the next great frontier. Only national radio stations have guaranteed slots on the "multiplexes" - the blocks of frequencies assigned to digital broadcasters that will be fired up next year. Digital broadcasting will give unprecedented reception clarity, providing the listen-ers buy new, and expensive, digital

Richard Eyre, managing director of Capital Radio, is no fam tor of Capital Radio, is no fam Radio. "Virgin is rubbish," he said. He doesn't think the format works the station plays a jarring minture of hard-driving rock classics that appeal to young men and old, and easy-listening chart-transport that appeal entry into digital sound era

radios. Virgin gives us the critical mass to attack the digital market."

Capital is buying marginally prof-itable Virgin Radio in exchange for £64.7 million in new Capital shares. The Virgin Group, as a result, will own 14 per cent of Capital and Branson will become a non-executive director with an "active interest" in Capital's future, a spokesman said. The deal was sealed on Saturday. Capital moved quickly. Radio groups are hot properties; if Capital walked, Branson would have had no trouble finding a new suitor.

The Virgin acquisition brings Capital pretty close to the overall market share limit imposed by the Radio Authority. In London, where its share of the total audience will go from

about 23 per cent to about 27 per cent. it will have no room to expand because no radio group is allowed to own more than three licences in any given market. Capital's London portfolio will consist of Capital FM. Capital Gold and Virgin FM. There are another three stations in Birmingham and six in Kent, Hampshire and Sussex.

Shares in Capital dipped after the Virgin Radio deal was announced, but the City was generally pleased by the expansion proposal. At least Capital was sticking to the same industry — its last acquisition turned into a public relations disaster. In November it entered the food chain through the £57 million purchase of My Kinda Town, the restaurant company whose outlets include Hen-

ry J Bean's, the Chicago Pizza Pie Factory and Beach Blanket Babylon. Capital justified the move by arguing that theme restaurants fit its overall strategy of evolving into a music and entertainment group. Investors were less enthusiastic, noting that such restaurants require periodic makenvers to keep them in fashion and that the cross-promotion potential is not obvious. Analysts,

noting that a bid premium had crept

into Capital's shares, attributed de-

fensive motives to the acquisition.

risk another diversification move. Capital has grown remarkably well in an industry that was not taken seriously until a few years ago. Capital Radio was launched on October 16, 1973. Growth was slow in

the first years when commercial radio was known as the "2 per cent industry" — no one expected it to capture more than 2 per cent of national advertising revenues.

Growth did not accelerate until the Radio Authority was formed in 1991

with the brief to expand the sector. Classic FM won the first national radio licence in 1992. The 1996 Broadcasting Act gave the industry another boost by lifting the market share limits. There are now some 170 commercial stations and they cap-tured 4.7 per cent of the display advertising market in 1996, up from 2.8 per cent in 1992. Growth is slowing, but Eyre thinks a 6 per cent advertising share can be attained. He thinks Virgin FM can grow as well but only if its format is overhauled. Under Capital, Virgin FM will become a pure rock station, similar. he said, to the thumping KROC

Given the reaction, Eyre could not station in New York. The expanding market for ageing male yuppies who think music died with Jimi Hendrix appears to be the target. **ERIC REGULY**

Brown's revolution rocks Bank to the foundation

Robert Miller looks at the implications

of the new Chancellor's

reforms

ordon Brown, the new Chancellor of the Exchequer, has given City traders and the money markets a dose of what they like best the smack of firm government.

Within days of taking up the reins at the Treasury Mr Brown has signalled the most fundamental shake-up of the Bank of England since its foundation nearly 303 years ago...

The City had always as-sumed, and indeed it was outlined in the Labour Party manifesto, that the new Government would oversee reforms at the Bank.

For the record, the manifesto said Labour would "ensure" that decision making on monetary policy is more effective. open, accountable, and free from short-term manipulation."

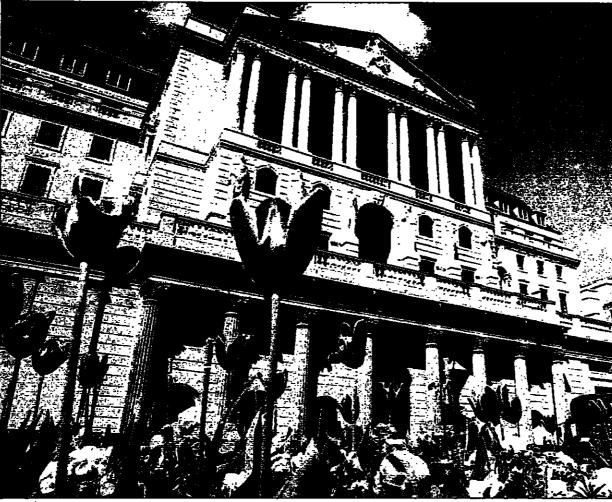
What was not expected, however, was the speed at which the new Chancelior would act. Without warning Mr Brown brought forward to yesterday the regular monthly meeting with Eddie George, the Governor. He raised interest rates and then declared it would be

the last such meeting.
In future the Bank will call the shots on interest rates. At the same time the Old Lady's internal structure is to be beefed-up, starting at the top with a reform of the Court, the equivalent of a board of directors. Finally, the Bank's role in policing UK banks will also

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come under close scrutiny. In a pre-emptive and bril-liantly orchestrated manoeuvre yesterday Mr Brown sent a seven-page letter to Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England, outlining his radical plans. For good measure the text of the Chancellor's letter was released, illustrating just how much work was done while Labour was in opposition. Nevertheless, the missive still leaves

many questions unanswered. Who, for example, will be the second Deputy Governor alongside Howard Davies and will Mr Davies in future be in



The Bank of England faces the most fundamental shake-up since it was founded nearly 303 years ago

charge of supervising banks rather than working on monetary and interest rate policy? And who will be the six members of the new Monetary Policy Committee alongside Mr George and his two Deputy Governors? The Chancellor indicated that the new posts

would be filled "soon". But back to yesterday's announcement. First to go was the "Ken and Eddie" show. These were the regular monthly meetings set up by Kenneth Clarke and the Governor at which monetary policy and inflation targets were dis-cussed and thus the level of interest rates were set. For some months now the Bankhas been arguing for a rate rise to curb early inflationary pressures beginning to appear in the raw economic data. Mr Clarke had resisted such calls but Mr Brown duly obliged with a 0.25 per cent hike in rates yesterday. But, he added that in future "operational. decisions on interest rate policy will be made by a new Monetary Policy Committee

comprising the Governor, the

Deputy Governors and six members. The decisions will be made by a vote of the committee, with each member having one vote. If there is no majority, the Governor will

have the casting vote."

Reform of the Court of the Bank of England is another central plank in the Brown agenda. To outsiders the Court has been viewed as a job for "the great and the good", and generally male habitués, of banking parlours. Mr Brown says: "The Court of the Bank of England will review the performance of the Bank, inchuding that of the Monetary Policy Committee. The Court will be substantially reformed to make it representative of the whole of the United Kingdom and to take account of the full range of Britain's industrial

and business sectors." New legislation will be needed to amend the Bank of England Act 1946 to institute many of the reforms and Mr Brown promised that these would be forthcoming in the Queen's Speech. He said: "The Bank will of course remain in public ownership. The legislation will set up the new monetary policy framework, and provide for greater accountability."

The sub-text of Mr Brown's New Monetary Policy Framework letter also appears to have a European flavour. While the Chancellor again yesterday appeared to rule out Britain joining a single European currency in the first wave, he has kept his options open to sign up the second time round, perhaps in the year 2002. Even now, though, attitudes to a single currency appear to be hardening across the Continent at the domestic political level.

There are those hankers who believe that achieving the single currency, as envisaged in its present form, is no longer practical. Peter Birch, the respected chief executive of Abbey National, told The Times last month: "Of all the bankers I meet here and in Europe there is a 50/50 split over joining. In any event

there are no prizes just for

being first." One of the criteria laid down for countries joining the single currency is to have an independent central bank. Mr Brown made several noises in that direction in yesterday's statement. For example, he said that in future the Bank's role as the Government's agent for debt management, the sale of gilts, the oversight of the gilts market and cash management would be transferred to the Treasury. This would be in line with the hands-off role played by central banks in Europe and avoid any possible conflict of

The other intriguing area in which the Chancellor hinted at far-reaching reforms is the supervision of banks. Here the Bank has a mixed record, with names such as Johnson Matthey Bankers, Bank of Credit and Commerce International and Barings coming back to haunt it. But since the Barings collapse the Bank has introduced a series of its own reforms to banking and risk

supervision. Unusually, senior Bank directors have publich warned in recent speeches of the dangers of "star" City salaries and how they can encourage undue risk taking.

Mr Brown is well aware that another costly bank failure would look very bad for the Government of the day and he, for one, is anxious to avoid having to appear at the dispatch box to explain yet another banking disaster. That is why supervision was accorded such prominence. In vesterday's mission statement Mr Brown said that one Deputy Governor will support the Governor on monetary policy and the other will support the Governor on "financial stability", which in Bank-speak means regulation. This appears to be the clearest indicator yet that policing UK banks will remain as it is with the proviso that the status quo might change depending on how plans to reform the present system of City regulation in general take shape.

The Chancellor's state-

ment yesterday also illustrates how much parliamentary attitudes to the Bank have changed. Right up until last summer there appeared to be a growing political consensus that the Old Lady of Threadneedle Street should become a central bank with its supervisory role taken over by a Banking Commission. That may even be the eventual outcome of the latest reforms. But by last autumn attitudes were changing. The Treasury Select Committee, through which the Bank will now report to Parliament, shied away from recommending a separation of duties. In Westminster, normally sceptic MPs were heard to say how much better the Bank was performing and it is this view that appears to have prevailed. Cosy tea-time chats at the Bank are clearly no longer the order of the day. The Bank signalled last July that its days secrecy are gone and Mr Brown's intervention yesterday merely underlines that fact. The pitfall Mr Brown has to avoid now is in introducing too many names and extra positions to oversee his reforms. Such names as are put forward for

these posts may not yet be

regarded as the great and the

good of the City. But give them a

few years at the top and access

to a few privileges and they

might soon become just that.

That would be a pity.



Brown opts for the Major road

the cream of the financial establishment round to No 10 to toast the FT index, when it passed 400 for the first time. After a struggle, Labour had proved that it was acceptable in the City. It had not, alas, proved that its economic policies were

No struggle this time; but Gordon Brown should not be too quick to celebrate the market's approval of his first act as Chancellor, nor, for that matter, should the City be too quick to approve.

The modus operandi, with a broad monetary policy committee, and published minutes, looks good; it is, after all, closely modelled on that of the Fed, the world's most successful central

But the sealed orders are quite different What is it, as Tory minister once asked his civil servants, that we are trying to optimise? The Bank of England has been told to set rates to achieve an inflation target set by the Government.

Is that all? Not quite. There is also a phrase about "supporting the general eco-nomic policies of the Government". But the order of priority looks clear, all the ame at heart, this is the Bundesbank model, where the main duty of the central bank is to guard the value of the currency

The Fed, by contrast, operates under the Humphrey-Hawkins Act, which lays equal emphasis on inflation, economic growth and employment. The difference The Fed's broad brief so

offended the monetary purists in Chicago that they set up their own Shadow Open Market Committee (SOMC) to say what policy ought to be. Their advice has never changed: interest rates should be raised. The Fed followed its own star. Result: Alan Greenspan has become a lay saint, while it is long since anyone took the

faintest notice of the SOMC. Now Eddie George and his officials are not doctrinaire monetarists, and the Bank's forecasts for the real economy have often been praised as better than those of the Treasury. Why, then,

the SOMC? Because, by their own account, they were asked the wrong question. Not, what is the right level for rates? But, what level of rates will deliver the inflation target? Since an inflation target is not really a target at all, but a ceiling, this was bound to give them

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a deflationary bias. Will their "independent" operations show the same bias? Let us suppose, charitably, that the Bank has learnt perfect judgment from experience, and that it policies are in some sense optimal; its brief still looks lopsided.

Aha, you may say, but this is Britain, not America. The Fed has to run the economy. because the American budget only emerges after months of horse-trading. and is always quite different from what the Administration proposed in the first place. So it is just about taxes and spending. A British Chancellor. by contrast, has Draconian powers, and so he can manage the economy. But can he? He can set a course (within the limits of the Treaty, and of his own election pledges).

But when events - in the currency markets, say, or the oil market, or in the European economy - make that course look dangerous, it is hard to change it. So unless Brown intends a series of mini-Budgets (very old Lab-our, that would be) he may have to look the the Bank to respond, after all, and deliver an optimal policy, not just an inflation target. That was the tunnel vision that let Je'ın Major blunder into a recession, which can hardly be the lead Gordon Brown means to follow.

The first Labour government since 1979 has to establish its anti-inflationary credentials, to be sure; and it would also be nice to close the unflattering gap between gilt yields and those on French and German bonds (the hope that helped to ignite the markets). It would even help the Budget balance, Italian fashion. So this could still prove a good start. If only Brown didn't sound so dour.

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Private lives

THE first tax self-assessment demands are only five weeks old, and already the professions are jockeying for those huge fees we will all have to pay them for work previously done by the Inland Revenue. Much of the private client side at Theodore Goddard have upped and set up on their own. Joyce Smythe, private client partner, has combined with another Theodore Goddard high-flyer, Caroline Barkham, at the imaginatively named Smythe Barkham, taking



"I miss Kenneth Clarke, at least he'd let people have a bit of a lie in"

another half a dozen lawyers with them. This blows a large hole in what could be a highly remunerative line of work for Theodore Goddard, and it is unlikely to be the last such defection among the City's legal heavyweights keen to service all those high net worth individuals seeking expensive advice on how to minimise their tax bills and put one over on the new Chancellor.

FROM PDFM's latest review of pension fund performance: "This book is not about short-term movements. If we step back from the snakes and ladders of the markets and look at recent events in their long-term context, this latest period is not excep-tional." Translated: "We are the fund manager that spent much of the stock market bull run sitting on a pile of cash. We believe in a longterm approach, because short-term we got it wrong."

Footloose

AS MARK DUVAL, close adviser to porn king Paul Raymond, settles out of court, his partner in the firm of Amhurst Brown Colombotti has suffered a reversal. The romance be-tween Count Carlo Colombotti, 57



ears young, and someone called Sinitta, 30 years his junior and a 1980s pop singer, has ended. Count Carlo, former escort of Shirley Bassey and Raine Spencer too, is footloose again. Perhaps he might get in touch with another friend, one Pamella Bordes, whom he introduced to polite society. When Duval returns to the office he might ask Count Carlo where he picked up his title, too. Apparently he comes from Tonypandy, south Wales, a town rich in aristocratic heritage, where his parents ran a restaurant.

Mixed fortunes

THE winners and losers are gradually crawling out from under the

Lanica Trust stone. Actually, we have yet to spot a winner from Andrew Regan's farcical bid for the Co-op, but there are plenty of losers, including the associate of a well-known private client broker who is said to be sitting on 400,000 near-worthless Lanica Trust shares and waiting, petrified, for the shares to be relisted. Hambros was up for £10 million if the bid succeeded, of course, but emerged with its reputation in tatters. And there is Damien McCrystal, once City diary editor for a rival publication. Damien went from UBS to be chief spin-doctor for Galileo, the Lanica vehicle now in liquidation. and is still employed there if a little at a loose end. He is now being forced to deny persistent Square Mile rumour that he has lost out on a success fee of a million quid. Half a million then? "Not in the right ball-park."

Lloyd's sevens

FINAL proof that the corporate bighitters have taken over Lloyd's of London. They manage a virtual clean sweep of the annual Lloyd's seven-aside rugby tournament today. There is only one traditional Lloyd's members' agent among the 31 teams fielded, the rest bearing names such as Aon, Sedgwick and Willis Corroon those last two fielding separate teams despite all those bid rumours. Bear-ing the standard for the old goard is Greenwich Lloyd's Underwriting.

Pamella Bordes was introduced to polite society by Mark Duval

Tim Gunter tells me, are not enhanced by having just seven male employees under the age of 35. The big boys have been known to plant ringers - one used to fly over from Paris every year a French international in its employ there. The Lloyd's sevens are always good fun, not least for the third-string competition in which the worst teams are selected, in reverse Darwinian style, for a final match. No one from the by now exhausted teams is allowed to leave the pitch until someone, anyone, has scored. Play has been known to continue for some time.

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· Pearson in £1.25bn chase for **Fairfax**

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY

Financial Times, has had high-level talks aimed at clearing the way for an A\$2.5 billion (£1.25 billion) bid for Fairfax, the Australian pub-lishing group, in competition with Kerry Packer.

A spokesman for the Australian Government confirmed. yesterday that Stephen Hill, chief executive of the Financial Times, met John Howard, the Australian Prime Minister, for an hour on Monday with four representatives of a consortium called Australian Independent Newspapers.

The consortium has financial backing from Australian life assurers Colonial Mutual, National Mutual and AMP, as well as a promise of debt funding from ANZ, the bank.

Pearson is primarily interested in the Australian Financial Review, the local equivalent of the Financial Times, which it tried to buy from the receiver of Fairfax. when it collapsed in 1991.

Pearson's move comes as the Australian Government prepares to unveil details of its planned shake-up of the country's media ownership laws,



which are at present a confusing variety of restrictions for different forms of media. The new laws are widely

expected to ease restrictions on ownership and lead to a change in the ownership structure of Fairfax, whose news paper interests also include The Sydney Morning Herald and the Melbourne Age — two of the five most profitable newspapers in the world.

At present Mr Packer, who has made no secret of his desire to take control of Fairfax, is limited to a 15 per cent stake in the group because he also owns the Nine television network in Australia, while New Zealand-based Brierley Investments, which bought a 20 per cent stake in Fairfax from Conrad Black, the Canadian media owner, for A\$447 million in December, is limit-

ed to a 25 per cent stake. Howard signalled his intention to allow a single operator to take control of the group after describing Pairfax's cur-rent shareholding structure as very unstable. Mr Howard said: "The Fairfax share register is very unstable and you really don't have anybody running the company or alternatively not in an identifiable way. I mean, that's not meant to he critical of the management, but the fact is it's a

pretty unstable situation." Kerry Stokes, chairman of the Seven television network has also thrown his hat into the ring for Fairfax, declining to rule himself out as a possible bidder. He said: "The Seven network will look at its position when we find out what the Government has decided. If it is commercially viable, we'd certainly look at
Packer: limited to 15 per cent taking a position in Fairfax.



Jeff Harris, left, and Geoff Cooper are to see their pay rises uncoupled from increases for other UniChem staff

UniChem chiefs receive pay tonic

By Sarah Cunningham

DIRECTORS of UniChem, saler and retailer that failed in January to buy Lloyds Chemists after a year-long bid battle, are set for large pay rises and bonus payments. The company, a co-operative before flotation in 1990, is to stop pegging executive direc-tors' pay rises to increases given to other staff. Remuneration consultants have said directors' pay is below market level, so it is to be increased over the next two years. Annual bonuses of up to 25

duced this year for executive

directors and senior execu-

Pacific, between Perth and

Sydney, and The Overlander.

which runs between Mel-

The services, which are

mainly used by tourists and

are regarded as being Austra-

lia's equivalent to the Orient

Express, are being sold as part

of the Government's mass

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ional, its rail business, which

also includes rail freight ser-

vices and railway workshops

in Tasmania and South

bourne and Adelaide.

earnings performance; execu-tives will benefit "if the group and/or their division achieves the annual budgeted performance, after allowing for the cost of the bonuses, and/or the relevant executive has achieved a satisfactory perper cent of salary will be intro-Jeff Harris, chief executive

tives. They do not depend on

pay of £309,000 last year, up from £284,000. The secondhighest paid, Barry Andrews. retail director, earned £236,000 including £18,000 bonus (£192,000). Geoff Cooper, finance director, was third-best paid, on £234,000 (£214,000). Mr Harris and Mr

Cooper had no annual bonus

UK rail firms look for | Sotheby's trims loss in Australian connection

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT IN SYDNEY

NATIONAL EXPRESS, Virgin Rail and GB Railways emerged as rival bidders for Australia's prestigious but loss-making long-distance passenger train operation, which is expected to carry a price tag of up to A\$100 million (about £50 million)

The three UK train operators have been shortlisted to bid for Australia's three longdistance passenger services. These comprise The Ghan, which runs between Adelaide and Alice Springs, The Indian-

first quarter to \$6.8m

SHARES in Sotheby's Holdings rose 35p to 990p after the auction group reported a first-quarter loss of \$6.8 million, an improvement on the previous year's \$8.2 million loss.

Auction sales rose from \$155 million to \$207 million. Sotheby's said: "Due to the seasonal nature of the art auction market, auction sales in the first quarter have historically represented approxi-mately 10-12 per cent of total sales for the year and the first quarter is traditionally a loss

period for the company. Consequently, first-quarter results are not indicative of expected full-year results."

The group is pleased with the strength of auction sales and its financial performance so far this year. It said the \$35.8 million raised in Hong Kong last week was the highest since 1989. The highlight of the week was the sale of a collection of Ming and Qing dynasty porcelain.

Losses per share fell to 12 cents from 15 cents.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Pilot pay dispute at American settled

THE long-running dispute over pilot pay at American Airlines, the second-largest carrier in the US, has ended with agreement on a five-year labour contract. The pilots approved the contract by a 70 per cent majority, averting the threat of a second strike.

The settlement means that American can go ahead with a \$6 billion order for 103 new aeroplanes from Boeing. Part of the dispute centred on the pilots' refusal to fly the new jets, but they have ended their opposition in return for a 9 per cent pay increase and share options. The dispute caused a sharp drop in American's profits over the last quarter as the strike threat drove customers to book with other airlines.

Air France aid battle

SIX European airlines — among them British Airways, Air UK and British Midland — have lodged a formal request to the European Court in Luxembourg to cancel a French rescue of Air France, the state-controlled airline, court sources said. The airlines said that the court should annul a decision by the European Commission in July 1994, authorising the French Government to give the airline Fr20 billion in aid.

Sidlaw dividend held

SIDLAW, the flexible packaging company that has been widely restructured, is holding the interim dividend at 1p a share. In the six months to March 31, pre-tax profits from continuing businesses were £1.7 million (£1.4 million loss), on turnover of £77.2 million (£78.1 million). Overall pre-tax profits were E17.39 million (E4 million loss) after a £17.3 million profit from disposals. Adjusted earnings were 2.3p a share (1.7p loss).

Tesco's £630m Irish deal

THE European Commission has approved the sale to Tesco of Associated British Foods' retail and related business in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. The £630 million takeover was approved by the merger taskforce, and covers 75 stores in the Republic and 34 in Northern Ireland, with total sales of £1.24 billion. In the year to September, operating profits were £58 million, with net assets of about £170 million.

FI wins ministry work

FI, the computer services group, is to take charge of the entire software system used by the Department for Education and Employment in a £13 million outsourcing contract. The fiveyear deal is FI's first big public sector contract. About 160 civil servants will be transferred to FI. An Ell million contract to design and support computer programs used by Whitbread, the brewing and restaurants group, has been renewed.

Waterford rejects bid

WATERFORD FOODS has formally rejected a £268 million bid from Avonmore Foods, its Irish rival. Waterford, made up of Waterford Foods and Waterford Co-operative Society. said that the offer did not reflect its underlying value nor "its strategic positioning in key markets and the contribution it can make to any merged entity in the future". Waterford hinted that improved merger terms might be considered.

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... and Nigel Kennedy dusting off his renowned interpretation of the Elgar Violin Concerto ...





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. to Steven Spielberg's long-awaited Jurassic Park sequel, The Lost World.



PREVIEW 4

. . . and Twyla Tharp's company at the Edinburgh Festival: we pick the best shows of the summer

From Disney stage spectacular to Seurat exhibition: Times critics select the unmissable shows of the coming months

Hot tickets for summer nights

Benedict Nightingale

Then it comes to visual extravagance and high-tech bravura, nothing is likely to challenge the Disney Organisation's dramatist, Samuel Adamson, Beauty and the Beast, at £10 ventures to Australia and Sydmillion plus the most expensive show ever to have hit London. Both The Fix a musical about politics opening at the Donmar on Monday, and Damn Yankees, which brings Jerry Lewis to the Adelphi on June 4, will doubtless look modest beside it. But in the weeks after the Beast slouches into the Dominion next Tuesday, there is plenty of

Revivals? Though it will be fun to see if Peter Weiss's Marat Sade (May 14, Olivier) has retained the frisson it had in the faraway 1960s, most eves will be on the launch of the Globe in early June and on Peter Hall's remarkably busy season at the Old Vic.

The replica of Shakespeare's playhouse on Bankside, already open to the sun and the tourists, will officially open to theatregoers in early June with performances of Henry V. boasting Mark Rylance in God-for-Harry mode, and The Winter's Tale. Odder, more ambitious stuff follows in late August in the form of two pieces by lesser Jacobeans: Middleton's cheerfully satiric Chaste Maid in Cheapside and Beaumont and Fletcher's

grim Maid's Tragedy. Half a mile away, Sir Peter directs Michael Pennington and Felicity Kendal in Chekhov's Scagull, opening this Friday, and on June 27 gives us Ben Kingsley and Alan language premiere he himself staged 40 years ago: Beckett's: Waiting for Godot. A week later comes a Restoration comedy, Vanbrugh's Provoked Wife, with Pennington as the fatuous Brute and the un-andcoming Victoria Hamilton.

And new plays? The Vic is busy here, too. The author of The Steward of Christendom,

Sebastian Bárry, delves yet again into officeat Irish history in his Prayers of Sherkin (May 19), and a young British ney operaland for Grace Note Meanwhile, the National

seeks to prove that Patrick

Marber's poker-game comedy Dealer's Choice was not a oneoff by staging his Closer (May 29) and follows it up on June 20 with Richard Eyre's pro-duction of the latest David Hare, Amy's View, in which Judi Dench plays a famous actress battling with her daughter. And watch out for The McDonagh Trilogy, which the Royal Court opens at the Duke of York's on July 26. With his new Skull in Connemara and Lonesome West joining The Beauty Queen of Leenane, and his Cripple of Inishmaan continuing its run at the National. Martin McDonagh will have four blackish comedies about the Irish outback in London and we'll have the chance to assess the theatre's fastestgrowing reputation.

Nothing new in Stratford

after the Alex Jennings Hamlet opens tomorrow, and at Chichester most excitement in the studio theatre. Though the main-house offerings include Coward's Blithe Spirit (Jun 17), with Maureen Lipman and Twiggy, the Minerva brings us Leslie Caron as George Sand (Jun 9), Kathleen Turner as Tallulah Bankhead (Jul 1), Julie Christie as Marguerite Duras's Suzanna Andler (Jul 22) and Makarova in Shaw's seldom-done Misalthe Edinburgh Festival, which starts on August 10 and this year offers Peter Stein's pro-duction of Chekhov's Cherry Orchard. Stephane Braunschweig's version of Measure for Measure, and a revival of the play that had its premiere in Auld Reekie nearly 50 years ago: T.S. Eliot's Cocktail



The most expensive show ever to hit London: Disney's £10 million Beauty and the Beast, which opens next week

major exhibition by the

versatile Flemish artist

Jan Fabre (opening

May 17) is the ambitious

multi-city initiative undertak-

en by Bath, Bristol and Car-

diff. Equally well-known for

epic theatre works. Fabre will

bring dramatic flair to his

installations in various histor-

ic Bath locations (until Jun 14),

his bizarre insect sculptures at

Bristol's Arnolfini (to Jul 6)

and his monumental draw-

ings on silk at Cardiff's Oriel

The young British sculptor

Cathy de Monchaux will be

given her most substantial

British exhibition at the White-

chapel Art Gallery (May 30-

Jul 27). Unlike so many of her

contemporaries, she favours

sumptuous materials. But the

results, while openly sensual,

Darkness prevails at the Hayward Gallery, where

l'atsuo Miyajima takes over

the lower spaces and trans-

forms them with LED (light-emitting diode) numbers (Jun

19-Aug 17). Flashing from the walls in red, green and blue,

or moving across the black-

ened gallery on motorised vehicles, they will show this

young Japanese artist's obses-

sion with time and movement

at full stretch. Upstairs at the

Hayward, the art of the Har-

lem Renaissance is charted by

Rhansodies in Black. For the

first time in Britain, the paint-

ing, sculpture and photogra-

phy of jazz age New York will

show how black culture ener-

Multi-racial inspiration

nourishes the sculpture of

Stephen Cox, whose career

will be summarised at the

Dulwich Picture Gallery (Jun

25-Sep 28). Occupying space

within Scane's great building

and throughout the grounds

as well, the exhibits span the

last 15 years and reveal how

stimulated Cox has been by

the historic sculpture of Italy,

The major event at the Tate

Gallery, marking its centena-

ry with special events through-

out the season, will be

retrospective of Ellsworth Kei-

ly's work (Jun 12-Sep 7). Proba-

bly the most admired of senior

abstract painters in America,

he spent formative years in

India and Egypt.

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are often disquieting as well.

Gallery (until Jun 21).

s there an unlimited supply of unperformed early Benjamin Britten pieces

Britten biographies. Many other festivals also have premieres. In London, Spitalfields (Jun 4-25) spices up its splendid array of choral and early music with the first performance of Judith Weir's Piano Concerto. The venerable Three Choirs (Aug 16-22), held in Hereford this year with an orchestra (the Bournemouth Symphony) in residence for the first time, promises a big choral and orchestral work by Judith Bingham, who has really come good recently. And Bath is offering a weekend of contemporary music focused mainly on the avant-garde scores of the 75-year-old lannis

Other festivals go mildly wacky. On the South Bank in London Laurie Anderson has

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devised a Meltdown Festival (Jun 21-Jul 5) that includes such diverse spectacles as a concert by 100 violins, and one of the world's great violinists. Gidon Kremer, playing tangos. Even more extraordinary string happenings can be found at the City of London Festival (Jun 19-Jul 10), which features a season by the gogmagogs at the Bridewell Theatre. The gogmagogs are a string ensemble specialising in physical theatre. More conventionally, the City of London also recreates one of the musical giories of the Baroque era: the Great Salzburg Mass by Heinrich Biber (St Paul's Ca-

thedral, Jul 3).
Fans of wind instruments. in all shapes and sizes, should head to Sunderland for the new Great North Wind Festival (Jun 14-21), featuring such delicacies as the British Tuba Quartet and that zany recorder consort, the Amsterdam

Loeki Stardust Quartet, Fans of bel canto, meanwhile, should book into Cardiff for the Singer of the World Competition (Jun 16-21) — or alternatively, tune in to BBC2 and Radio 3, both supplying nightly coverage.

Best summer offering from the London orchestras should be the LSO's Ravel series (early June, Barbican) directed by that old master of the languid touch, André Previn. Best from the regions will surely by the City of Birmingham Symphony Or-chestra's extraordinary EMI Gala (Symphony Hall, Jul 5), conducted by Simon Rattle. with a world premiere by Mark Anthony Turnage, and including Nigel Kennedy play-

ing Elgar. What have I overlooked? Well, the small matter of the Edinburgh Festival (Aug. 10-30) brings us Valery Gergiev conducting five concerts with his Kirov and Rotterdam orchestras, and Peter Hurford playing all Bach's organ works in an epic 15 recitals. Oh ves, and don't forget the Proms but they will be surveyed in The Times tomorrow.

Prince Igor. Students of classical ballet might like to do a little

Yet again, the Edinburgh Festival is fielding an impressive dance programme. The American Twyla Tharp launches the festival with her feisty and high-energy danceworks, while the San Francis co Bailet makes its first visit to the UK for 17 years. Balanchine and Morris are on the San Francisco menu, along with the British premiere of The Dance House, a piece by

Paris after serving as a soldier in the Second World War. Meeting Braque and Brancusi helped him to develop his uncompromising style, with its emphasis on purity of line.

But the most beautiful London exhibition will undoubtedly be at the National

Finally, the Edinburgh Festival pays tribute to a local hero with a grand Raeburn exhibition at the Royal Scottish Academy (Aug 1-Oct 5). Around 70 of his most accomplished portraits will comprise the first substantial survey of

Festival visitors in search of more modern excitement will find it at the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art (Jul 5-Sep 14), where Gabrielle Keiller's outstanding collection of Dada and Surrealist work will be displayed in all its haunting, dream-like

Rodney Milnes

the Royal Opera has plenty of unfinished business before it goes on the road after the last performance in the old house - Meistersinger - on July 12. The annual Verdi Festival presents new productions of "first" versions on successive evenings, the 1847 Macbeth, conducted by Edward Downes and directed by Phyllida Lloyd (Jun 27), and Ian Judge's staging of the 1857 Simon Boccanegra (Jun 28), with Domingo and conducted by Mark Elder. There are revivals of Rigoletto (Jun 10) and the standard Boccanegra (May 30), with Kiri Te Kanawa conducted by Solti. and for those who can have too much Verdi, there's Haitink conducting a revival of Trevor Nunn's production of Katya Kabanova (May 23).

Things are quieter at the Coliseum, where, as a result of truly Orwellian doublespeak, "stabilisation" funding has led to English National Opera's cancellation of Gavin Bryars's new opera: its replacement by a revival of Don Pasquale (Jun 25) seems an unnecessarily sadistic act of revenge on ENO's part. Plenty of action in the regions, though: Carlo Rizzi conducts David Pountney's new production of Boccanegra for the Welsh National (May 19), and Opera North offers a new Cosi fan tutte conducted by Claire Gibault and directed by Richard Jones, fresh from sinking the Titanic on Broadway.

Festival time: John Eliot Gardiner makes his Glyndebourne debut conducting

Graham Vick's new staging of Puccini's Manon Lescaut (May 18), and Jerôme Savary, another debutant, directs Rossini's Comte Ory (Jul 20), a zany comedy far too long absent from Glyndehourne's repertory. Anja Silja returns to star in The Makropoulos Case (Jun 27), and the stunning Peter Sellars Theodora is back on August 3.

There's important new work at Aldeburgh, with a double Turnage premiere at the Maltings on June 13, and at the Almeida, where Roderick Watkins's highly praised Juniper Tree and Battistelli's Cenci receive their UK premieres on June 30 and July 11 respectively. Garsington presents the first UK staging of Strauss's Egyptian Helen (Jun 22), with Susan Bullock conducted by Elgar Howarth. More traditional tastes are catered for by Mozart and Haydn.

Unmissable opera at Edinburgh this year includes the Royal Opera's first awayfrom-Covent-Garden new pro-duction: Mark Morris's staging of Rameau's sarky comedy Platee (Aug II) - and the rarely performed first version of Strauss's Ariadne auf Naxos, the one combined with Bourgeois Gentilhomme, in a co-production by Scottish Opera and the Nottingham Playhouse (Aug 20). And it will be hard to stay away from the Usher Hall for Jane Eaglen and Bryn Terfel in a concert performance of the last act of Die Walkure (Aug 28), and for a starry cast in Lucia di Lammermoor conducted by Charles Mackerras (Aug 17).

Geoff Brown

avid Cronenberg's film of Crash has passed through cinemas with scant attention in other countries, except from the director's hardened fans. But Britain's tabloid press have ensured that all eyes will be on this adaptation of J. G. Ballard's book when it finally arrives in this country, uncut. on June 5. Cronenberg documents Ballard's alliance of sexual thrills and car crashes with chilly bravura, though it gets monotonous after a while. More controversy is headed this way when The Devil's Own opens on June 20. This thoughtless Hollywood con-coction finds, veteran New York cop Harrison Ford unwittingly sheltering Brad Pitt's IRA terrorist, in the United States on an arms-buying mission. A romantic, lopsided view of the Irish problem is compounded by plotting that drives the film into abject

Hackles may rise for different reasons over Spike Lee's Get On The Bus, in which the director uses the black community's Million Man March of 1995 (no women allowed) as an opportunity to mount his soapbox. Still, you can always rely on Clint Eastwood. The weathered icon returns among us as director and star on May 30 when Absolute Power makes its debut. Compared to Unforgiven this is minor fare; but Eastwood's presentation of the old story about an accidental onlooker at a murder scene is so solid that pleasure can be guaranteed. Eastwood plays a burglar, at work on a rizy Washington house just when the President (Gene Hackman) arrives for some hanky-panky.

What of the rest of the world? Slim pickings, as usual. French veteran Claude Lelouch may strain audiences' patience with Men. Women: A User's Manual, but Finland's chief export, Aki Kaurismāki, is back on top form with Drifting Clouds, a sad, funny, and ultimately optimistic tale of a married couple fighting the country's recession. Luc Besson will make a big noise with his futuristic adventure The Fifth Element, though an American setting, English dialogue, and the presence of Bruce Willis scarcely make it very French. All three open on June 6.

No summer is complete without the blockbusters. Titanic will not be berthing; in Britain this is due in December. But you can hitch a ride and be hijacked with Nicolas Cage in Con Air, the latest piece of slap-bang-wallop from producer Jerry Bruckheimer. This arrives in June. as does Batman and Robin, with George Clooney as Gotham's caped crusader and Arnoid Schwarzenegger as the bone-chilling villain Mr Freeze. Then Spielberg and Michael Crichton revisit Jurassic Park in The Lost World (Jul 18). Finally, if you are not popcorned out, the year's second volcano picture, set in Los Angeles, crupts in mid August. It is imaginatively titled



Seurat's Bathers at Asnières: the focus of a fascinating show at the National Gallery EN Madam

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waiting to be discovered? So it appears. One highlight of the 50th Aldeburgh Festival (Jun 13-29) will be the premiere of a Double Concerto for Violin and Viola, written by the teenage Britten in 1932 and hitherto so unknown that it isn't even mentioned in some

Xenakis (May 30-Jun I).

That's being billed as the largest Swan Lake ever staged in Britain comes to the Albert Hall on May 29 when English National Ballet presents 12 performances of Derek

Deane's new production. Deane, a man who likes to think big, is restaging the ballet "in-the-round" to take advantage of the arena's unique - and cavernous performing space. There will be a huge cast - 120 dancers. including more than 70 swans - and the chance to see the great Kirov ballerina Altynai Asylmuratova in the starring

Co-productions between the worlds of dance and opera are rare, so hats off to English National Opera for joining forces with the Mark Morris Dance Group to present six performances of L'Allegro, il Penseroso ed il Moderato. When Morris choreographed Handel's oratorio for his company in Brussels in 1988, it was hailed as a masterpiece of

role at four performances.

TIME

Debra Craine

modern dance, and few would argue with that assessment. The work is massive, with 24 dancers, five solo singers, 40 chorus singers and a 33-piece orchestra. It opens at the

Goliseum on June 5.

The Coliseum is also the venue for this summer's most ambitious season, the return of the Kirev Ballet to London. The visitors from St Petersburg are presenting eight different programmes over five weeks (Jul 8-Aug 9). Swan Lake, The Sleeping Beauty and the Fountain of Bakhchisarai are back again, presumably by popular demand, but the company's production of Don Quirote has never been seen before in Britain. Neither has its version of Balanchine's

Symphony in C. -The Kirov is also offering a new all-Fokine programme, our own David Bintley.

with Isabelle Fokine, the choreographer's granddaughter. restaging his Spectre de la Rose, The Dying Swan and the Polovisian Dances from

compare and contrast this summer. While the Kirov performs Balanchine at the Coliseum, the Royal Ballet is performing Balanchine at Covent Garden. Symphony in C shows up as part of a mixed bill (from Jul 5), the final ballet programme at the Royal Opera House before closure.

VISUALART

Richard Cork

form and heraldic colour. The Kelly show will complemented, at the end of July, by a generous loan show of Mondrian's work from the Gemeentemuseum in The Hague (until Nov 30). His trajectory, from early Dutch riverscapes to later abstractions in Paris, will be traced in more than 60 works.

Gallery (Jul 2-Sep 28). Seurat's

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Heinrich Schiff conducts a period-instrument Missa Solemnis

VENUE: Tonight at the Festival Hall, London



■ CHOICE 2

Siobhan Redmond plays Belimperia in Kyd's drama, The Spanish Tragedy

VENUE: Opens tonight at the Swan Theatre, Stratford





POP P

Beck proves to be a master of past genres in a memorable gig in the courtyard of Dublin Castle



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A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

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STRATFORD: Sobhan Redmond and SI HAT POINT SOCKET HORITAINE AND PETER Wight play the documed Heronamo and Belampena in the earliest Ficabetharan Revenge drama, Kyd's The Spanish Tregedy Michael Boyd directs this forecurrent of Hamilet, Swam, Walersde (01789 285623). Opens tonight, 7pm, In rep. 6

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Invasion of the boogie snatcher

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Seahorses

Dublin Castle

t was an evening when every-thing was steeped in history. The well-trod cobblestones and aristocratic statues in the courtyard of Dublin Castle were an impressive reminder that there was in fact life long before rock n roll.

Not that anyone told Beck, who is like a human jukebox stacked full of rock's greatest hits; a melody sponge that has absorbed so many different genres that it is positively dripping

with musical history. The Seahorses are, by comparison, considerably less ambitious. But their guitarist, John Squire, is at 34 already something of a living legend, having been the linchpin of one of the most important and in-

fluential rock bands of the past decade, the Stone Roses. Hence this double bill was arguably

the most attractive prospect of the Heineken Green Energy Festival, which transformed Dublin into a giggoer's paradise for the weekend. What a disappointment, then, that the Seahorses should prove to be so

mediocre. Trudging through most of their imminent new album, Do it Yourself, the Seahorses gave a frustratingly undistinguished performance that marked them out as just another middle-ranking Britpop band, along with the likes of Cast and the Their harmonious 1960s pop vibe all

too often gives way to aimless, self-

arold Pinter is

indulgent guitar solos reminiscent of the worst excesses of 1970s progressive rock, especially on the finale, Love is the Law.

Singer Chris Helme is passable as the front man, but during his acoustic solo stint he sounds just like any busker you might hear outside your local Woolworths - which is exactly what he was before Squire plucked him from obscurity.

But if the Seahorses are prisoners of the past, Beck is a master of it. His onstage POP disc jockey wears a kitsch country hat while

mixing samples of Deep Purple's Smoke on the Water, the Russian funeral march, and myriad hip-hop records. Beck himself

does an acoustic folk routine in between the pumping rock, soul and dance grooves. He moves like a robot in a Kraftwerk video. He wears a colourful shirt. He brings the house down with an unaccompanied Delta blues harmonica solo. He doesn't even bother to play his big hit, Loser.

One minute he sounds like Neil Young, the next, Ice-T. He is a musical chameleon, an artistic schizophrenic who, however, revels in his cultural identity crisis rather than being troubled by it.

He is the man who fell to Earth with the Spiders From Mars. He is very

NICK KELLY



who revels in his cultural identity crisis rather than being troubled by it"

champion with comes to putting volatile, uncertain identities on stage. It may appear that his

characters are safely contained by an upholstered, bourgeois world - in their circumstances, and in the theatrical presentation of those circumstances — but talk, think and operate with immense and, finally, unstoppable fluidity.

Three out of the four plays in the Gate's second season of Pinter - No Man's Land, Ashes to Ashes and The Collection - take place in middleclass sitting rooms, but the psycho-dramas played out here among the drinks cabinets and stuffed chairs have the intense surrealism of conversations inside one of the Internet's virtual communities. Indeed, the expression used to describe electronic meeting places, such as the Cottage (0181-315 4220) Fitzy (0171-737 2121) UCI Whiteleys (01990 988990) Virgin Fulham Road (0171-370 2026) Multi-User Dungeon, might have been coined to describe the worlds that Pinter types

Tangled web of words

Although the plays are all guided by different directors. the production style for the festival is uniformly straightforward. Stiffly traditional and naturalistic they may be but these stagings never t like anything but the result of sensible and coherent choices. Taken in a more adventurous direction, the plays, hovering around the edges of logic could easily become fissured in an unproductive fashion. When framed this rigidly,

become all the stranger, all the more viciously absurd. The production that leaned most obviously towards an extravagant dream world, A Kind of Alaska, directed by Karel Reisz, was perhaps the least convincing. Inspired by the writings of Oliver Sacks, the play explores the brief awakening of a woman after a

however, it seems as though

Pinter's proscenium nasties

Pinter Festival Gate. Dublin

decades-long snooze. Perhaps as a result of the Sacks connection, the piece seems to work too hard to reveal details. It is as though the piece's origins in Sacks's case-study of absurdity had somehow cancelled out the effects of Pinter's familiar dramatic distortions.

The central bed-bound performance from Penelope Wilton was a crowd pleaser, but her coy shifts between an impetuous young woman and a resigned mature woman often seemed laboured and histrionic, while Jim Norton's kindly medic Homby was enigmatic without ever being intriguing. In The Collection Pinter uses ambiguous, contradictory recollections of an event - an infidelity - that might or might not have occurred, to explore the t truth, and the individual's conscious and unconscious habits of shaping it. In No Man's Land, the author goes one step further, removing another key piece from the iigsaw of intelligibility, this

time making it uncertain even exactly what is uncertain. This play, the nastiest of this very poisonous bunch, is also the most fascinating. After a beery evening in a London pub. Spooner (Niall Buggy). an anachronistically tweedy hanger-on, seems to have attached himself to Hirst (T.P. McKenna), a boozy grand figure of literature. Hirst has two servants (Nick

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both dousing the proceedings with high-grade Pirter men-ace), who might as easily be his captors. Exchanges between this odd company seem to say very specific things about England and about class, while at the same time directing attention towards broader issues of art, memory

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DANCE After 25 years, the intensity is undiminished: Siobhan Davies celebrates a personal milestone



RISING STAR

Disney heroine: s Julie-Alanah Brighten has won the lead role in Beauty and the Beast

earning far less than anybody in this field. I mean, anybody who

manages them, who plays music

for them, crews for them, directs

them, anyone who is in the theatre

for them, is earning a far greater purse than they are.

Okay, it is probably

the same for the corps

de ballet at the Royal

and I know things are

very tight in New York right now, but I

can't say all artists are

suffering, so we should suffer too,

because I only have

responsibility for this

group of people. We

have got to keep try-

ing to raise the profile

of dancers and not

necessarily force them to become

teachers or choreographers or

For the first time last year, Davies's management was able to guarantee the dancers six months'

wages. It's in two three-month

blocks," she explains, "which

means they have to find their own

methods of survival - financial,

emotional and artistic - in the

other blocks. Which I know is hard:

but at the same time, and I've got to

be very clear about this. I don't

think they work for me because

they want me to 'care' for them, or

that I should in any form dominate

whatever else."

their artistic lives."



MUSIC 1

Shine man David Helfgott takes the audience vote, but no prizes for pianistic discipline



■ MUSIC 2

Daniele Gatti is in inspiring form conducting the RPO in Mahler's Fifth at the Albert Hall

A lifetime of being in the right place

he has been creating dances for 25 years, has run her own company for the past decade and received virtually every award the arts community could shower on her, including an Olivier last year. But ask Siobhan Davies about her success and the answer that comes back is modest. "I look forward to the future because I want to get

better. Looking at the past only reminds you of niggling failures. Neither Davies nor her works shout at you. Instead, they exude a quiet intensity. Her dances shimmer and undulate rather than glitter or explode. Even when her choreography turns fast and dense it never loses its essential lyricism because Davies is a poet of

movement At 16, she was one of the first students to step through the newly opened doors of the London Contemporary Dance School. Though she had no previous dance trainng, she became a member of London Contemporary Dance Theatre with breathtaking speed. Just a year later, in 1967, she had begun what was to turn into a distinguished performing career.

She stopped performing with abrupt deliberateness on November 3, 1983, "It was in Bath and I was dancing with Second Stride and lots of friends came down and wolf-whistled.

"I had really enjoyed performing, but at that particular moment, if you want the honest truth, I could. not bear the actual preparation for performance. I just could not face

one more warm-up.
I still miss it," she admits. "If I could somehow just inject immediate physical courage and physical knowledge then, yes, I would love to perform again. But, no, I'm not

Allen Robertson meets choreographer

Siobhan Davies as she celebrates

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got to keep

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profile of

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25 years at the top of her profession

company as a full-time concern. "It makes me blanch what the dancers

forming process. "I had to sit quietly and look at the work. Not being in it was a big learning tool. "One of the biggest difficulties for dancers who turn into choreographers is that their physical being is inside the work; therefore, if they feel a sensation, they automatically imagine that the sensation is coming across to the viewer. This feels good, so it must look

necessarily so.
"For example, there's a moment in my new piece, Bank, where the dancers must feel they're in rush hour at King's Cross during a bomb scare. I can see that it's working visually. but I know from a 'doing' point of view that if I'd been in it, 1d have despaired.

good." But that isn't

cool them down. I can say it's working. Keep going."

When Bank premieres in Black-pool on Friday, the dancers' sense of chaos will have long since been transformed into what she could see all along. If not, then she will have changed it into something else. Davies and her small team of chosen dancers work both inti-

But since I'm sitting outside I can

mately and co-operatively towards their shared goals. For this spring tour there are only six dancers. In the autumn there will be eight. She explains her casting strategy by saying the budget really only stretches to

hand at choreography as early as. Though she is one of Britain's lottery application aimed at securing a studio of its own. Currently it involved stepping outside the per- financially unable to sustain her

venues from Greenwich to Euston The administration office is in Islington, the scenery stored some

where else. "A studio would give me a professional standing," she says. and now there are times when I feel amateur, when I may not go into a studio at will because I have to go through in order to be needed to have booked it way the artists that they are. They are ahead in advance.

"Obviously I don't want to be indulgent about it and say I need yards and yards of expensive London space at my disposal just because I want it. But the truth is, we're so unused to being greedy that we sometimes don't know how to demand what should be our

As Davies continues to pursue her goals she insists that she will not be badgered into areas she doesn't think suit her or her dancers. She is thrilled that companies such as Adventures in Motion Pictures have had a huge popular success, but insists that the Riverdance phenomenon has nothing to do with the world as she

"We tease each other in the studio sometimes and I say I'm going to do a musical next. They all look at me in absolute horror. Then we try a few musicals steps and we all go, 'well maybe not this year'.
"I have no desire to throw my

arms out and try and encompass an enormous amount. I only want to do what is absolutely needed at the moment. Theatres, funding bodies, grants applications all ask What's the brand new thing that

you're going to do?"
"Well, it's not going to be brand
new. Is Howard Hodgkin brand new? Is Damien Hirst going to be brand new every time? That's not what an arrist does. I simply want to be in the right place." ● Sjobhan Davies Dance Company is at

the Grand Theatre, Blackpool, on Friday and Saturday, and at the Brighton Festival May 15-17



CONCERTS: The much-hyped David Helfgott pleases his fans; new boy and old timer in form on the podium

Brave, but not yet brilliant

irony in the fact that David Helfgott, the Australian pianist of Shine fame whose mental breakdown was partly caused by the inordinate pressures of public performance, is now playing to capacity audiences in prestigious venues all over the world. What is more, he appears to be thoroughly enjoying himself, giving the lie to the charge of exploitation voiced in some quarters.

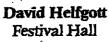
Audiences love him too: they hang on every note, en-**6** Helfgott joy every gasp (he croons his own lacks commentary throughout) and give him a standdiscipline, ing ovation when shape and it's all over. Even structure 🤊 his unconventional stage etiquette —

the flailing arms. the shuffling in a full circle to nicate result in a flow of acknowledge applause -- wins him sympathy. Regarded as the public comeback of the broken man whose harrowing experiences have moved thou-sands, his Festival Hall performance on Monday night — the first leg of his UK tour - was a heartwarming occasion.

Judged by purely musical criteria, it is another story. Clearly Helfgon is a planist of considerable abilities - at least potentially — but he is as yet unable to realise his vision. In the first half of the programme he substituted for the advertised one, he offered some playing of great delicacy and moments of extraordinarily poetic insight, especially in Liszt's Concert Enude No 3 (Un Sospiro) and Mendelssohn's Andante and Ron-

do Capriccioso. In Liszt's Second Ballade in B Minor, however, the idiosyncrasies began to play havoc with musical sense. Passages of extreme introversion were juxtaposed with caseades of double octaves dispatched with maximum velocity and force, but with no mediation

between them. What Helfgott's playing lacks at the moment is discipline, shape, and structure. Nowhere was this more evident than in Beethoven's Appassionata Sonata, occu-



pying the second half. Here note values and rhythms were distorted and phrases misshapen in a travesty of Beethovenian style. Beethoven may have been bursting out of Classical constraints, but one has to be aware of the structure in order to appreciate its contravention. Helfgott's er-

ratic lurching speaks eloquently for his condition, but tells us little about the music. One is left with the impression that he has interesting things to say, but lacks the means with which to say His at-

tempts to commuconsciousness - the musical equivalent of the over-excited, barely intelligible mode of speech heard in the film.

Beside the Liszt works, where subjective expression allows more scope for idiosyncrasy, Helfgott is at his best in encore showpieces such as the Flight of the Bumble-Bee. where virtuosity reigns supreme. One wishes this complex musician good speed on his road to recovery: before long he will perhaps be delighting us with convincing accounts of Beethoven as well.

BARRY MILLINGTON



"David Helfgott appears to be thoroughly enjoying himself, giving the lie to the charge of exploitation voiced by some"

Master of detail

WITH each of their concerts together, the Royal Philharmonic's good fortune at having secured Daniele Gatti as its music director becomes increasingly clear. Morale has improved and with it the orchestra's sound, and both seemed to be pushing towards the top of the scale on Sunday night at the Albert Hall in an excellently played programme of Mendelssohn and Mahler.

Gatti has become a conductor of considerable authority. and in an inspiring account of Mahler's Fifth Symphony he got everything he wanted from

the orchestra. Each detail. each nuance was set in place: under a lesser conductor this performance might have sounded fussy, but Gatti,

Bowing out on a new note

RLPO/Pešek

Liverpool

written a kind of concertante

part for a Latin-American

percussion group - imper-sonated in this first perfor-

mance by ten members of

Inner Sense from exotic

Manchester - which only

gradually eases into the kind

of footwork associated with

samba and related rhythms.

It's colourful and entertaining

stuff but, as yet another manifestation of a conde-

scending policy for new music

in the Philharmonic Hall,

It was also difficult to

accept that there was any

wisdom in moving Milhaud's

Saudades do Brasil from the

end to the beginning of the

difficult to take.

NEARING the end of his ten years as principal conductor of the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra Libor Pešek is still expanding his repertoire. He might have overindulged in Czech music in the past, but on this occasion it was his priority to introduce a new work by Graham Fitkin and to present it within a context of Mi-lhaud, Rodrigo and Rossini.

The Fitkin piece was originaily announced as Samba. It has since acquired a new title. Graf, which "refers to the tennis player Steffi Graf and in particular her forehand. ground strokes, the tension and momentum curve occurring during preparation and follow through of a stroke, the ratio of foreband to backhand strokes over a given period". Pulling the other one, he has

programme, Rossini's Barber of Seville Overture from the beginning to the middle, and Rodrigo's Concierto de Aranjuez from the middle to the end. Structurally ill-designed in the first place, it was more than a bit of a mess as finally

Still, it was good thinking to fill in a few of the missing 15 minutes with an encore repeat of the cadenza and the final section of the Adagio of the Rodrigo Concierto. Co-ordination between the orchestra and the soloist, Nicola Hall, had not been exactly perfect in the opening Allegro but there were some lovely woodwind sounds and much pleasingly idiomatic overamplified guitar playing throughout.

GERALD LARNER

RPO/Gatti Albert Hall

working without a score, maintained the flow coherently. He has the big-hearted. romantic temperament needed for this music, but none of the excess that can imply, and all sections of the orchestra were kept firmly in check.

Incisive playing in the first movement set the mood. The opening trumpet solo, bright and crisp, gave way to the dark-coloured funeral march in which the emphasis was on beauty of tone. Inner turmoil was not disguised, but the music sounded less neurotic than it can, and all the surging nervous energy was saved for the second movement. The

Austrian dances of the Scherzo took on a very genial lift, the pizzicato episodes had special delicacy. The dreamy Adagietto seemed to come out of nothingness, and Gatti only really whipped up his forces in response to Mahler's hardwon triumph at the symphony's majestic close.
In Mendelssohn's Violin

Concerto the refined soloist was Shlomo Mintz, whose way of letting melodies simply uncoil themselves in sweettoned lines at the top and a numer sound down below makes him a natural in this repertory. But Gatti also has interesting things to say about the composer who he is featuring this season. Here the playing was light and airy, and the conductor's Italianate instinct was to emphasise Mendelssohn's sunny melodi-

JOHN ALLISON

GREAT BRITISH HOPES

Rising stars in the arts firmament JULIE-ALANAH BRIGHTEN

Profession: Actress, girl next door, local hero (in her home town in North Devon).

Why is she famous? She won the female lead in Disney's Beauty and the Beast, which opens at the Dominion on Tuesday.

What are her credentials? After Guildford School of Acting and the National Youth Music Theatre, she led Gary Wilmot astray as Lady Jacqueline in a region-

al tour of Me and My Girl and made her West End debut in the chorus line of Oliver!

Why her? Blonde, blue-eyed, 5ft 6in, "Belle is a lot like me. stuck in a small town where she's thought of as odd because she doesn't conform. She's not like your regular Disney heroine. She doesn't go off to find a handsome prince".

Career sidelines: She fronted a rock band for four years, singing Cher and Madonna covers at hotels and parties on the Devon circuit. "We did go to St Tropez one year. Two of the guitarists went on to form Reef."

What's it like working with a Beast (aka Alasdair Harvey)? "He's lovable and frightening. But if I mer him in a dark alley I'd run a million miles. Belle is a lot madder than me."

Is it hard being one of the only humans on stage? No - it's harder for everyone else. "It's incredibly restricting trying to express real human emotions when you're a dancing teapot."

Which actors have influenced you? I admire Robert Lindsay and Julia Mackenzie because they are so adaptable. They can move from musicals to films to straight stage roles."

What happens after this? "I don't know whether to record an album or what. It might sound naive but I want to try everything, especially film. There's a huge buzz about the British film industry after Four Weddings and a Funeral, Trainspotting and Mike Leigh, I'd love to ride that wave."

Any wise words? "Stay true to yourself: it's the least complicated way of getting through life."

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But if the proposed adoption

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Parliament could have intended

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Section 20 did not postulate that

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sole and unfettered parental

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care order had been made that

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even so the former parent might

still wish to resume parental

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There was no lacuna in the

person gets mixed up in the

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he comes under a duty to assist the

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giving him full information and

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I am the more inclined to reach

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though the person wronged has no

intention of proceeding against

"It would I think be quite

illogical to make his obligation to

disclose the identity of the real

offenders depend on whether or

not he has himself incurred some

His Lordship had to decide

whether he should exercise his

discretion so as to allow discovery

so that the plaintiff could bring

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thereunder:

Power to revoke order if child is protected

In re G (a Minor) (Adoption: adoption had been made, the local Freeing order)

Before Lord Browne-Wilkinson Lord Lloyd of Berwick, Lord Nicholls of Birkenhead, Lord Steyn and Lord Hoffmann 1Speeches May 11

The court had power under section 20 of the Adoption Act 1976 to revoke an order freeing a child for adoption even though the former parent could not be properly permitted to resume sole parents responsibility, provided that the child's welfare could be protected ditional on the obtaining of a cure order under section 31 of the Children Act 1989 or in some other

The House of Lords so held in allowing an appeal by the mother of G from the order of the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Butler-Slow Lord Justice Saville and Mr Justice Douglas Brown) (The Times June 11, 1496; [1996] 2 FLR 398) dismissing her appeal against the order of Judge Willcock, QC, in Barnstaple refused to revoke a freeing order in

respect of G.

The child had been in local authority care and was freed for adoption in 1943. In the event, the prospective adopters decided not to proceed and he became a boarder at a special school experienced in with severely emotionally disturbed children.

since the freeing order and no

Before Sir Richard Scott, Vice-

Where justice could not otherwise

be done, a plaintiff could obtain an

order for discovery against a

defendant in order to use its fruits

to bring proceedings against a

third party even though it could not, without the information

sought, be ascertained whether the third party had indeed committed

Sir Richard Scott, Vice-Chan-

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Division on a notice of motion

issued by the plaintiff seeking an

order that the defendant, his

former employer, disclose precise

details of allegations made against

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dismissal and the identity of the

complainant who made the allega-

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Mr Patrick Elias, QC, for the

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authority had been required by section 19(2) of the 1976 Act to notify the mother of the fort

The mother had then applied under section 20 to revoke the freeing order. While accepting that the child should stay at the special school she did not suggest that he should be made subject to a fresh care order. The judge had refused to revoke the freeing order but granted her limited access.

On the mother's appeal she agreed that if the freeing order were to be revoked the local authority should obtain a care order, but the Court of Appeal had held that revocation could not be made conditional on the obtaining of a care order and operated only so as to give the former parent sole and unfettered parental respon-sibility. It. 100, refused to order

Mr Charles Bloom, QC and Miss Sarah Forster for the mother: Mr Michael Horowitz, QC and Miss Hayley Griffiths for the local authority; Mr James Munby, QC and Miss Kay Firth-Butterfield for the guardian ad litem.

LORD BROWNE-WIL-KINSON said that on the making of a care order under section 3L the parent did not lose all parental responsibility but shared it with the local authority. However, the authority had power to determine the extent to which the parent might meet that responsibility.
The effect of the freeing order

tracts. His employment involved

At the end of May 1996 the

managing director of the company

told the plaintiff that a third part

of a serious nature. When the

plaintiff asked for details of the

allegations the managing director refused to specify their nature or

The plaintiff's contract of

employment contained terms

requiring certain disciplinary

proceedings to be followed. At a

hearing attended by the managing

director and two members of the

personnel department, but at

which the plaintiff's solicitor was

not permitted to be present, allega-

connection with dealings with

The plaintiff's request for further

information was again refused

dismissed without pay. His Lord-ship categorised that disciplinary

hearing a farce, as he did the plaintiff's unsuccessful appeal

prejudiced in his efforts to obtain

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was that the parental respon-sibility which the mother had previously enjoyed was extinguished, the existing care order discharged and sole parental responsibility vested in the local authority as adoption agency.

A revocation order under section 21 was discretionary and the court was bound to have regard to the need to sufermard and promote the welfare of the child. The effect of rental responsibility in the parent but the care order was not auto-

In consequence, the effect of a occation order, if made, would be that the full and unfettered parental responsibility would vest n the parent whether or not be or she was a suitable person to have such sale responsibility. If she was not a suitable person it could not for the wellare of the child to make an order vesting sole respon-

Those factors had led the Court of Appeal to the conclusion that e was a lacuna in the 1976 Act in dealing with a child, subject to a freeing order, who subsequently became unlikely to become adopted but whose parent could not properly be permitted to reand unfettered responsibility.

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The plaintiff therefore com-

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disclose the precise nature of the

illegations made against him and

the identity of the informant

Essentially he sought relief on

Norwich Pharmacal Co v Custom

and Exise Commissioners ([1474]

Norwich Pharmacal established

the proposition that an action

might be brought against one party solely to obtain discovery of

documents to enable the plaintiff to

bring an action against another

person. But there were limits to the

In that case, Lord Reid had said

(at p174): "... a person might know

that a particular person is in possession of a libellous letter

which he has good reason to believe defames him but the au-

thor of which he cannot discover. I

am satisfied that it would not be

proper ... to order discovery in

suffered damage might be able to

find and sue the wrongdoer.

Neither authority, principle nor public policy would justify that. He then referred to the existing

authorities and continued (at ol75c

that the person who has

that employment had terminated

Adoption Act. It operated alongside and as part of the general legislation regulating powers over The Court of Appeal, although initially attracted to the proposal that the position could be covered children. There was no reason why the provisions of the Act had to be read as a self-sufficient code. The by a care order, felt bound to reject

used in conjunction with and supplemented by the powers of the Children Act. The position was as follows:

Where a freeing order had been made but at the end of one year thereafter it was clear that no adoption was likely to take place within a short period, the freeing order might be revoked so as to restore the parent to his or her normal rights and to ensure that the child did not remain in an

Even if the former parent was not, at the date of revocation. lit to have sole and unfettered responsibility, the court had jurisdiction to make the order provided that the welfare of the child could be protected whether by making the resucation conditional upon such consequential orders as were appropriate under the Children Act or under its inherent jurisdiction or in some other way.

in the present case, there was no justification for keeping the freeing order in force at a time when it was accepted that no adoption might ever take place. Revocation would take effect upon the making of a care order relating to the child under section 31 of the 1989 Act.

Lord Lloyd, Lord Nicholls, Lord Stevn and Lord Hoffmann agreed. Solicitors: Charlesworth Nicholl & Co. Crediton; Sharpe Pritchard for Mr K. Barry Morgan. Barnstaple: Slee Blackwell.

Disclosure necessary for bringing proceedings evidence, for the plaintiff to know "They seem to me to point to a very reasonable principle that if whether he had a viable cause of action. He had to know what it was through no fault of his own a

he was said to have done.

In that respect he was in a different position from the plaintiff in Norwich Pharmacal where it could be said with certainty that tortious infringements of its patent right were being committed by a

Here the plaintiff had to discover whether a tort had been committed inst him: whether, for instance the statements made were untrue The purpose of any court order

was to enable justice to be done. His Lordship held that the present case demanded that the plaintiff should be put in a position to clear It was intolerable that he should

continue to be stained by the allegation unless he could obtain assistance through an order for Accordingly, although Norwich

Pharmacal had not as yet been applied to a situation in which the tort by a third party against the plaintiff had not yet clearly been made out. his Lordship would grant the relief sought by the notice of motion.

Solicitors: Merriman White: Hart Brown, Guildford.

Deciding when structure is part of land

Elitestone Ltd v Morris and Another

Before Lord Browne-Wilkinson Lord Lloyd of Berwick, Lord Nolan, Lord Nicholls of Birkenhead and Lord Clyde Speeches May II

Where the question to be deter-mined was whether, when a structure was built, it became part and parcel of the land itself and was real property in its own right, the answer depended on the degree and the object of annexation to the land of the objects brought there. The degree of annexation varied from object to object. Therefore, the answer depended on the uses and purposes for which the chattels brought on the land were created and designed.

Where a house was built in a way that it could not be removed be intended to remain a chattel and

The House of Lords so held allowing an appeal by the defen-dants, David Owen Morris and Judith Mary Sked, from the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Balcombe Justice Hutchison) (unreported 1995) which had allowed an appea by the plaintiffs, Elitestone Ltd. from Mr Assistant Recorder Bidder, sitting at Swansea County Court on November 7, 1994, and ordered that his order should be set aside on the ground that the ownership of the plot called Unit 6. Holt's Field, Murton, Swansea, was vested in the plaintiffs but that

In an action for possession by the plaintiffs in the county court, against 27 persons occupying plots

standing on the plot, was vested in

Mr Morris.

on their land, out of which live actions were selected for trial. Mr Morris pleaded that he was n tenant from year to year, that he occupied the premises as his residence and that he was entitled to the protection of section I of the Rent Act 1977. The assistant recorder made that order, declaring that Mr Morris was a statutory tenani of Unit 6.

The parties accepted that if the bungalow was a chattel the prantises held by Mr Marris did not include the bungalow but comprised the site only and that his tenure was not a tenancy within section I of the 1977 Act. But if the bungalow was a fixture Mr Morris held a protected tenancy under the Act.

Section 1 of the 1977 Act provides: "... a renancy under which a dwelling-house ... is let as a separate dwelling is a protected tenancy for the purposes of the

Mr Paul Morgan, OC and Mr Stephen Cottle for the defendants: Mr James Thom for the plaintiffs.

LORD LLOYD said that the plaintiffs were the freehold owners of Holt's Field, Murton, Swansea. The land was divided into 27 lots. Mr Morris was the occupier of a bungalow on lot No 6. It was built before 1945. Mr Morris had fived there since 1971. The plaintiffs acquired to free-hold in 1989 with a view to

redevelopment. On April 30, 1991 they issued proceedings in Swan-sea County Court claiming possession against all 27 occupi There were several issues before

the assistant recorder and the Court of Appeal but the sole remaining issue before the House was whether Mr Morris's bunor whether it had remained a chattel ever since it was first

constructed before 1945. The materials out of which the bungalow was constructed, that is, the timber frame walls, the feather boarding, the suspended timber floors, the chipboard ceilings, were all chanels when they brought on to the site. Did they cease to be chattels when they were built into the composite structure? preptionist

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The answer to that question, as Mr Justice Blackburn had pointed out in Holland v Hodgson (1872) LR 7 CP 328, depended on the circumstances of each case, but mainly on two factors, the degree of annexation to the land and the object of the unnexation.

The importance of the degree of annexation varied from object to bject. In the case of a large object, such as a house, the question did not often arise. Annexation went without saying.
However, where a house was

constructed in such a way that it was removable, whether as a unit or in sections it might remain a chattel, even though it was connected temporarily to mains ser-vices such as water and electricity. But a house which was constructed in such a way that it could

not be removed at all, save by destruction, could not have been intended to remain as a chartel, it must have been intended to form part of the realty.
There was, therefore, no doubt that when Mr Morris's bungalow was built and as each of the timber frame walls were placed in pos-ition, they all became part of the

structure which was itself part and narcel of the land. Lord Browne-Wilkinson, Lord Nolan, Lord Nicholls agreed and Lord Clyde delivered a concurring

Solicitors: Smith Llewelve Partnership, Swansea: T. G. Jones

Allocating prejudice instant case from Roebuck v

Hunter v Skingley and Another Before Lord Justice Hirst and Lord

Justice Phillips [Judgment April 25] In a case where there was substan rial initial delay for which the

defendant was entirely responsible, followed by delays for which the plaintiff was responsible, it was appropriate for the judge to allocate prejudice.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by the plaintiff, Susan Hunter, against a decision of District Judge Byrt, QC, in the Mayor's and City of London Court on September 16, 1996 allowing an appeal by the first defendant. Victor Skingley, against the district judge's refusal to dismiss the

plaintiff's case for want of Mr Robert Bailey-King for the plaintiff; Mr Marc Rivalland for

LORD JUSTICE HIRST said the action space from huilding work carried out by the defendant for the plaintiff between February and April 1987.

The plaintiff had issued a writ claiming damages for breach of contract, and in May 1988 had obtained default judgment against

The defendant had been entire

rather than another period of time prejudice arising from dimming of tnesses' memory. In the circumstances it was not artificial to allocate prejudice and the judge had erred in not doing SO.

Mungovin (1994) 2 AC 224) in which Lord Browne-Wilkinson

had regarded it as artificial and unsatisfactory to allocate to one

Solicitors: Howard Hewitson & Hunter, Kirkby

Correction responsible for delays up to 1993.

but thereafted there had been a travelle Sister county Council, delays for which the plaintiff was the parts of the Tomes April 29) the responsible.

cell His Lordship distinguished the ... Mattlehim Cartwright, Lewes.

Decision to use house to pay for care valid

Council. Ex parte Harcombe Before Mr Justice Forbes

|Judgment April 28| Part of the purpose of the National Assistance Act 1948 was that those able to pay for accommodation provided under the Act should do

A local authority's discretion under paragraph 18 of Schedule 4 to the National Assistance (Assessment of Resources) Regulations (S) 1992 No 2977) was a broad dis-cretion which the courts would be low to interfere with where all material considerations had been

Mr Justice Forbes so held in the Queen's Bench Division when Germide Harcombe, by her son and next friend. David Harcombe. for judicial review by way of certionari to quash the decision of Somersel County Council of December 30, 1996 to take account of the value of her house in adedating how much she was to contribute towards the state provision of accommodation in a

and 30 of the 1948 Act to obtain a charge on Mrs Harcombe's house. suspending enforcement by sale

provides: "The capital of a resident to be taken into account shall, subject to paragraph (2), be the whole of his capital calculated in accordance with this purt ...

any capital . . . in Schedule 4." Paragraph is of Schedule 4 royides: The value of any premises occupied in whole or in part by a third party where the local education authority amoder it would be reasonable to dis-regard the value of these

Mr Gregory Jones for the ap-plicant, Mr Nigel Guin for the

ciple of the legislative scheme was that those who needed to be provided with accommodation pursuant to the provisions of Part III of the 1948 Act should pay for such accommodation if able to do so rather than that it should be provided at public expense.

The discretion in paragraph is of Schedule 4 was expressed in wide and general terms. The court should be slow to interfere with a ives, authority's exercise of such a wide discretion where it was clear, as in the instant case, that careful e maderation had been given to all material encumstances relevant to the proper exercise of that or cretton

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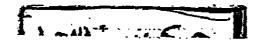


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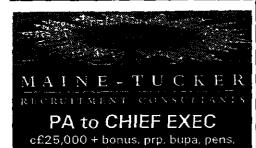
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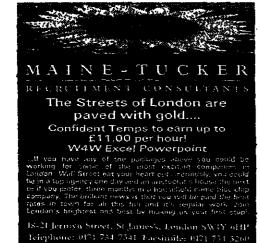


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for the middle ranks, as he calls them. Their work includes organising team meetings and travel. The third group are the PAs who work for partners. They ensure a

boss's maximum efficiency by taking away the type of executive work that can be handled by PAs, Mr Mitchell says.

ut what's in a name? In last week's Reed

they are no longer called secretaries. Favourite titles now are business administra-

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group, dealing with presenta-tion material, are called the production assistants: the second group are the case-team secretaries and the third group are the personal assistants. Ms Martin says that each group is happy with its different title. Mr Mitchell adds that "secretary" is not a derogatory term in the company, and that a label is a lot less important than the role. "Whether or not the jub

gains a new title," says Mr Reed, "this is certainly the time to re-appraise the importance of secretaries as real decision

· Power behind the thrones

Far from driving secretaries out of a job, technology has expanded their role, Susan MacDonald reports

ago, secretaries are clearly still on their way up. There has been a change in the type of work they are doing and their level of importance in the company for which they

A recent survey of 248 senior secretaries by Reed Employment Services shows that many wield real financial power. James Reed, a director of Reed Employment Services. says that the findings, published last week, show that the role of secretaries continues to

Nearly half of those questioned have some degree of financial control. Forty-six per cent can sign off money for a single project on their own authority, without asking for

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An additional 41 per cent of: secretaries are given a budget within which to work. But, as the survey states, the influence of senior secretaries on final purchasing decisions does not end there. Secretaries also have great influence when deciding which supplier an organisation chooses.

Thirty-five per cent of secretaries say they influence decisions about hotels, 38 per cent help to choose travel companies or airlines, 23 per cent have a say in which courier company their firm uses and 50 per cent influence which stationery supplier is chosen.

Liz Martin, 24, works in Mayfair as a PA for The Boston Consulting Group, an international leader in strategy consulting. She has a degree in international business studies from Brunel University and started with the group after leaving university. She has worked her way up to her present job. I was thrilled to find that I was working for one of the top companies in the very field

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secretaries have more projects which are wholly their own responsibility than a few years ago. Fifty-six per cent of employers questioned said secretaries took more decisions on their own now, and 48 per cent felt that secretaries these days are more like co-ordinating

Paul Mitchell, office administrator and partner of The Boston Consulting Group. agrees that he sees PAs as managers of their bosses. But he says that in the case of his organisation it is not the objectives of the secretarial role which have changed during the past ten years, it is the means by which they are played out that has altered.

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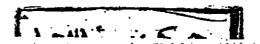
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An arsenal of new weapons is available to curb noisy neighbours, says Eve-Ann Prentice

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acid house, the hi-fi sounds that thrill one person are invariably hellheard second-hand from next door. Local authorities are preparing to use an array of new powers to curb noisy and abusive neigh-bours, including surveillarice, secret tape-recordings and the seizure of musical equipment. Councils were recently given muscle after the passing of two laws, the 1996 Housing Act, and the Noise Act, which became law in April:

The London Borough of Tower Hamlets, which administers one of the densest inner-city areas in the country, with 45,000 tenants and leaseholders, is to introduce a seven-night noise service from August. The council has also announced it is ready to take stronger measures against racial harassment and out-of-control children.

It is not just council tenants who can be neighbours from hell. Marc Rankin, Tower Hamlets environ-mental health officer, says: "You" are just as likely to get noise from people who live in expensive private homes."

The council has agreed to adopt the Noise Act, giving itself the power to serve warning notices that any disturbance should be stopped within ten minutes; to issue fixed penalty notices, which can lead to a £100 fine for anyone who ignores the initial warning; and to prosecute those who commit a new nighttime noise offence. The fine can be up to £1,000.

A weapon in the war on noise is a sealed, tamper-proof black box containing a sound-level recorder, which is left in the homes of people who say they are victims of noisy neighbours. This is especially useful in cases where the noise is never apparent when council officials or the police arrive to investigate. Mr Rankin says: "The box, which costs £7,000 to £8,000, is usually left in the home for three or four days. There is a queue waiting to use it at

The problem with the box is that though it records noise levels, it cannot detect the type or origins of

The box could be recording an ever decided not to implement this noisy lift, for instance. Mr Rankin part of the Act for now, saying that who has actually heard Bat Out of Hell being of tenants and their friends.

played in the middle of the night."

If all else fails, environmental health officers also have the power to seize amplifiers and other sound equipment. "We can get a permit from a magistrate to seize the equipment but this is a final course of action," Mr Rankin says. "When I was working for another council, we seized an entire bus that was being used for rave parties."

The new Tower Hamlets noise service will operate from lipm until 7am, replacing a service that runs from Sundays to Thursdays, 9pm to 1.30am, and on Fridays and Saturdays 10.30pm to 1.30am.

John Biggs, the Planning and Environmental Services committee's chairman, says: "Tower Ham-lets will be one of the first councils to adopt the Act. If people ignore us, they can expect action."

It is not just noise that can make residents' lives hell. Evert Rowbotham, a racial harassment lawyer working for Tower Hamlets, believes that racist abuse has become subtler and harder to detect in the past two years. He says: "Racial harassment cases used to come in thick and fast and the people we were dealing with were acting in full view; witnesses were easy to find. Now we have to use more surveillance to identify the perpetrators."

The council employs professional witnesses whose job is to garner evidence of harassment and give evidence in court. It owns its own surveillance equipment. "Some of the more expensive equipment that we have to hire, such as a camera." Mr Rowbotham adds, "fits into a button-hole."

Under the 1996 Housing Act, hearsay evidence can be used against tenants guilty of noisy, criminal or anti-social behaviour. The council is introducing a package of measures, including a new mediation service, closer co-operation with the police, including joint visits to culprits' homes, and steps to speed up legal action.

The Act also provides for an which gives councils a fast-track route to evict troublesome new - tenants. Tower Hamlets has, howsays. "There is no substitute for a - some of the most serious anti-social behaviour comes from the children



Would you pay to lord it up?

If you have the money, you could buy your way into the unlanded gentry

Possibly the largest ever auction of lordships and baronies will be held by the agent Strutt & Parker later next week, and there are titles for all takers. Amanda Loose writes. One particular lordship has caught the eyes of many: the lordship of Brighton Lewes be-cause Chris Eubank is believed to be a possible bidder. The flamboyant gentleman-boxer paid £45,000 last year for the right to style himself Lord of Brighton. The Brighton Lewes title was once held at one time by Hamelin, son of Geoffrey of

Anjou.
Three baronies and 33 lordships of the manor will be offered for sale at the Ironmongers Hall in the City, and many are among the 13.418 manorial lordships listed in the Domesday Book. Baronies can go for up to £100,000, but a lordship could be yours for a more modest £6,000 or so.

The lordship of Blisland, Cornwall, once owned by Rob-

ert, Count of Mortain, the biggest landowner in Norman England, and also by the Molesworth family, is for sale, as are five titles held by Earl Spencer, including the lordship of Battersea, which is attracting much interest.

The Earl of Chichester is offering the lordship of Ripe in

Historically, baronies and lordships conferred a title, lands and specific rights to the holder and were the monarch's way of rewarding loyal subjects. Holders were allowed to set up gallows in their villages, raise private armies, claim local ship wrecks and to collect a herring rent from their tenants — fish in lieu of money.

Now, says Richard Wool-liams of Strutt & Parker, the titles, most of them held by the Royal Family, the Church Commissioners and the Dukes of Devonshire and Northumberland, confer few rights. He explains that people are selling because the titles have no real meaning. "Often," he adds, "their families have sold the estate to which the title refers and have bought another. None of the titles we are selling comes with the lands to which they refer. Holders are merely entitled to call themselves Lord of

wherever and to print the title on their passport, cheques and headed notepaper. New holders can apply for their own coat of arms, including their family

Despite the lack of perks. there are, according to Mr Woolliams, usually many takers. "About 30 per cent of bidders are from abroad - usually Americans after a piece of English history," he says. Many see it as step up the social ladder. Businessmen and industrialists often buy titles as a pat on the back for themselves and use the name on letterheads."

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Address the issue fully

Property values can depend on the address, says **Amanda Loose**

fter a court battle fraught with claims of snobbery, parish councillors, developers and residents in Beetley Norfolk, near Dereham, thought they had finally

The long-running battle over what to call the village's newest housing development - a cul-de-sac of ten houses appeared to have been resolved a few weeks ago with the name "The Paddocks". But the Royal Mail pointed out that there was already a house called The Paddock, otherwise known as 4 Elmham Road, almost opposite the development. The solution: call the development The Paddocks

but have no No 4.

The developer John Hilditch and Ray Knightley, who bought the first house on the development before a name was decided, wanted it to be called Elmham Court. But the parish council wanted to name



A property in Belgravia, an area that ean attract offers running to several million pounds

veteran local councillor and former railwayman.

Elmham Court's association with the nearby desirable Elmham Road undoubtedly would have held a certain cachet, a factor that cannot be underestimated, as many an estate agent knows.

Rupert Bradstock of Proper-

it Bryan Barnard Close, after a ty Vision. a buying agency, veteran local councillor and says: "Every county is like the curate's egg when it comes to smart addresses: good in parts. But certain places are a cut above the rest.

> Colin Mackenzie, of Hamptons, reckons the best country address is the Old Rectory, and that in the complicated county leagues East Sussex comes above West Kent, but below East Kent.

Even estate agents get caught out. Ian Homersham of John D. Wood was at first miffed to learn that the SNI postcode of his new home in Coleshill, Oxfordshire, stood for Swindon.

John Gibson, of Savills in Chelmsford, has watched many clients wrestle with the complexities of the Suffolk-Essex Question, which one buyer solved by changing their address to "Suffolk (post-al address Essex)". Mr Gibson says: "Some houses in Suffolk have a Colchester, Essex postal address, while some Essex houses have Suffolk addresses, and it can cause much consternation. One buyer would not move to East Bergholt, which has an Essex address. even though it's in Suffolk, because he did not want his daughter to be an Essex girl." Agents have many a tale of budding Hyacinth Buckets prepared to pay well over the

odds for the right address.

Anthony Lassman sold an

Eaton Square flat on a short

lease for about £9 million four years ago, to clients who felt they simply had to have it. Tom Dennes, of Chestertons

Residential, knows the cost of the right Mayfair address can be high. "Grosvenor Square is one of London's most expensive addresses." he savs. "Properties can sell for as much as 40 per cent higher than their close neighbours." A few hundred yards car make E200,000 worth of difference in other areas of central

London, says Simon Umfreville of De Groot Collis in Knightsbridge. A reasonable-sized house in West Chelsea, SW10, will normally fetch be-£700,000 and £800,000," he says. "The same house in Fulham will go for some £200,000 less."

Andrew Rome, of Knight Frank in Beaconsfield says that people will pay over the odds for the right house with the address, even outside the capital. He adds: "Buyers may be willing to compromise on the house, but they certainly won't compromise on the address. Last year we sold a twotwo-down cottage in Hambleden village for just over £200,000, which we were quite pleased with, while a new bungalow there sold for

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YESTERDAY

Derby challengers wilt in Vase

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

up to its reputation for provid- distance." ing invaluable Derby clues when Panama City got the better of Ivan Lais in a

thrilling finish. Unfortunately, the Derby in question is not the Epsom classic, but the Derby Italiano to be run at the Capannelle, in Rome on May 25, when the first two are likely to reoppose for the third time in their careers. And therein lies the

With the Derby only a month away, time is running out and genuine alternatives to Entrepreneur are as rare as the flurries of snow which fell on the Roodeye before racing. The 2,000 Guineas winner is now 5-4 on with Ladbrokes. although not everybody is: convinced that it is a one-horse

"There may not be anything

Ben Moore, the conditional rider, was discharged from hospital yesterday. Moore was concussed in a fall from Roberts Toy in a handicap hurdle at Exeter on Monday.

in the Derby at the moment apart from Entrepreneur but I am sure it will change. It normally does. Barry Hills said. "It will all happen in the next two or three weeks."

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Robert Sangster, the owner of Panama City and, more importantly, Revoque, the Guineas runner-up, was even more upbeat. The odds about Entrepreneur are ridiculous because he is not guaranteed to stay. The dam's pedigree is a sprinting pedigree.

That, as politicians would say, is negative campaigning. "If anything is going to shake them up we will," he said on a more positive note. Revoque will probably take in the Irish 2.000 Guineas before being aimed at Epsom, although Sangster is the first to admit his classic pretender may have stamina limitations - "His breeding suggests he won't stay a mile and a half but his - Eddery said.

(£2,233: 2m) (7 runners)

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13-8 Chersman, 15-8 Amazing Sail, 6-1 Regal Eagle, 19th Casis, 10-1 others.

5.35 CHURCH FENTON HANDICAP SKY

MASE (£4,533, 2m) (4)

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2 1251 CURRENAN CHALLENGE 8 (CD.F.G.S) T Executor 8-1-10 God
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6-5 Cumbrian Challenge, 5-2 Mister Oddy, 7-2 Leoland, 7-1 Political Tower, ...

7.05 RACING CHANNEL HOVICES SKY

HURDLE (\$2,880: 2m 41 110yd) (12)

FIRST the good news. The relaxed style of racing makes Chester Vase yesterday lived me think he will get the Derby

> Given the slow early pace, the stamina endowed Panama City did particularly well to prevail in the sprint for the line and justify 6-5 fav-ouritism. John Reid had hoped to kick for home a full half-mile out but found himself trapped on the rails until

turning for home.
"I had to sit and suffer and wait for the break to come," he said. "But fair credit to him, when he got the split he picked up really, well. If there had been a decent gallop the winning margin would have been much bigger than a

While Epsom clues were thin on the ground, the hardfought win at least underlined the claims of Fahris, who beat Panama City in a fast-run Feilden Stakes at Newmarket. One William Hill punter was sufficiently tempted to have £2,000 each-way at 20-1 on the Ben Hanbury-trained colt.

- Seven of the nine runners who lined up for the THI Leisure Crabwall Manor Maiden hold Derby entries but the victory of Canon Falls from Solo Mio owed much to the brilliance of Frankie Dettori, who nipped up the inside rail on the home turn and did little to unsettle holders of Entrepreneur ante-post

Aside from the preoccupation with the Derby, Daunting Lady's five-length victory in the opening Joseph Heler Lily. Agnes Conditions Stakes was the outstanding performance of the day. The speedy Mujadil filly broke smartly before pulling away from some decent rivals in the short

home straght Richard Hannon has trained three winners of the Queen Mary Stakes - Fly Baby (1981). Lyric Fantasy (1992) and Risky (1993) — and believes she could be up to Royal Ascot standard. "She went so fast the saddle slipped backwards and I could hardly ride her. She's good," Pat



Panama City, right, is driven out by Reid to justify favouritism in the Chester Vase from Ivan Luis. left. yesterday

Snow Princess to relish stamina test

CHESTER CHANNEL 4

2.10: The handicapper may have been kind to Perfect Paradigm, who opened his account at Newcastle five weeks ago when beating the well-regarded Dark Green. The form was boosted when the third, Lawahik, won a Ripon maiden by five lengths. John Gosden's Derby entry showed that he can handle soft ground at Chepstow last

Ihtiyati also holds a Derby entry, although John Dunlop has said the Chief's Crown colt is no better than a handicapper. Nonetheless, he ran well behind River's Source at Newmarket and, along with Flirting Around, should appreciate this trip.



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

2.40: Only For Gold has an ideal draw, is bred to be speedy - his sire and dam were sprinters - and Jack Berry is sure to have him ready. Chunito showed early speed on his debut at Newbury but is badly drawn. Paul Cole, who runs Diligence, has an excellent strikerate with his juveniles.

3.10: With Reg Akehurst's string in fine form, the soft ground-loving Bowcliffe Court looks sure to give a good account. Third last November to Sweetness Herself and Orchestra Stall (both have won good races this term), he ran well here last year and won at Warwick on his reappearance.

Canon Can is on the upgrade and should confirm Newbury form with Top Cees, but his victories have come on galloping tracks and he may not be so suited by this tight circuit. Snow Princess, a good third here over an inadequate trip last August before winning a listed race abroad, appeals on this ground. She should appreciate this stamina test and won first time out last year.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: SNOW PRINCESS (3.10 Chester) Next best: Perfect Paradigm (2.10 Chester)

3.45: A race to avoid as some of these fillies are likely to step up on previous form. Kyle Rhea is the only filly not entered for the Oaks. Desert Beauty, whose dam was suited by the mud, gets the vote on the basis of a promising run behind One So Wonderful at Kempton last September. She is bred to do much better over this trip. Apache Star, a winner on soft ground last year, rates the danger.

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3.45 Kyle Rhea 4.15 MOONSHINER (nap) 4.45 Sceptre Lady

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.45 SCEPTRE LADY.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.10 Perfect Paradigm, 3.45 DESERT BEAUTY (nap), 4.45 Mystery Hill.

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2.10 CHESHIRE REGIMENT HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £8,552: 1m 41 66yd) (7 runners)

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2.40 NWS BANK MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £6,931: 5l 16yd) (8 runners)

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5 CHUNTO 19 (In Tomer Racing Club) P Chaepke-Hyam 8-11
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EN REWMARSEN 4 (8P) (Paul Saren (Huyton)) P Eases 8-11
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SMART VENTURE (Var. D Smart) R Hallmahean 8-11. BETTING: 11-4 Channo, 3-1 Dangence, 5-1 Flerie Tower, 13-2 Estopped, Only For Gold, 12-1 Newtorgen, 14-1 Kolby, 16-1 Smart Vengre

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3.10 TOTE CHESTER CUP C4 (Handicap: £35,679: 2m 2i 147yd) (12 runners)

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301 (12) 6555-2 0tD RDWRL 39 £5i (this R Courth) D Muray Smen 6-9-10 . K Darley
302 (1) 20314- SMOW PRINCESS 176 £ 6.5) (Lord Wierstock) Lord Hurtingdon 5-9-9 J Raid
303 (2) 4113-1 CANDW CAN 19 £6) (Lacon Hangla) D A Lib; H Ceal 4-9-3. K Fation
304 (6) 0106-2 TOP CEES 19 (CD.F,G) [R Sangara) Mr. J Remoden 7-8-11 . J Fortune
305 (4) A2000- DAALWING 34J (B.F.G) (north Hanks Partnership) M Pre 5-8-8 T Carm
306 (5) 030-94 THALJANAH 25 £F.B) (M Chlord) 8 Sman 5-8-4 . J Sanders
307 (7) 983329 THE FLYWIS PHANTION 42J £F.S) (P Bett. Lib) M Tomplore 5-8-8 Sonders
308 1(8) 510-30- MAZAMET 1 JJ (G) IF Castre) 0 0 Neil 4-8-0 . J Librim 34
309 (8) 510-30- MAZAMET 1 JJ (G) IF Castre) 0 0 Neil 4-8-0 . C Rotter
311 (9) 00-331 ETTERBY PARK 12 £F.S.S) (5 Maddicbroth M Johnston 4-7-11 . M Adams 36
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(Listed: 3-Y-O fillies: £24,205: 1m 3i 79yd) (5 runners)

21-4 APACHE STAR 18 (S) (A Oppenhermen 6 Wrago 8-9 . M. Hills 97

G- DESERT BEAUTY 243 (Lord Wonstrock) M. Stoute 8-9 . T. Cumm 81

66- DUNDEL 279 (Shedin Motoummod) B. Hills 8-9 . . . L. Detton 81

6-6- BEAPFYMER 19 (F. Supples 19-Vano 8-9 . J. Rand 92

2-1 KYLE RHEA 21 (F. (Gr Danto Yolfs) H. Cecol 8-9 . . K. Fallon (§)

BETTING: 5-4 Kyle Rissa 5-2 Desert Beauty, 5-1 Apache Stat, 6-1 Dundel, 3-1 Grapowne. 1996, TOUT A COUP 8-9 M J Kinsme (8-1) G Cusack (fre) 6 ran

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4.15 ROODEYE HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £11,178: 6f 18yd) (14 runners) Dane U'Reil 88

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501 (11) 4355-0 Big Beil 39 (f) (Lay) Dans i Riemon 9-7 ... Dane O'Reil
502 (7) 022-56 MODRESHNER 22 (Baron G von Ulimann) 5 Wagg 9-5. M Hills
503 (1) 21260- DOURLE-J 202 (F) (D Armistagh 5 Wagg 9-5. M Hills
504 (6) 31-33 BESHOPS COURT 11 (BF.6) (D Brotherton) blc. J Ramsden 9-3. J Fortune
505 (10) 2230-5 ANNIY GAMERI 34 (D.9) (Lord Mechni J Berry 9-1 ... G Carter
506 (14) 3250-1 RIGHT FLIESTT 8 (D.9) (Lord Mechni J Berry 9-1 ... G Carter
507 (2) 1325-5 SANSING SPRITT 207 (D.5) (T Scothern) E Wilsmas 1-12 ... J Olumn
508 (3) 1565-2 SONG MST 21 (D.P) (Mc. C Hanbury) P Cole 5-9 ... J Olumn
509 (9) 50-232 JOHN EMBS 15 (BP) (R Green (Fine Pantings)) M Bell 8-8 ... J Reid
510 (4) B6-040 WEET EES SRIL 14 (6) (E-0 Wectman List) P France 8-5 ... F Lynch (2)
511 (5) 15-610 DOUBLE-O 11 (D.G) (R Bols List) W Aver 8-4 ... Senders
512 (12) 025-0 HYPE EMERICS 25 (B Norobothy) E Lews 8-4 ... DOUBTFUL
513 (13) 040-10 LOCH-HURN LADY 25 (BF.6) (Num Roong Clac) K Hong 8-0 T Sprake
514 (8) 400222 SUITE FACTORS 16 (BF.F) (N Soleids) K Burle 7-10 ... R French (5)
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BETTING: 3-1 Bishops Court, 6-1 Highli Flight, 7-1 Song Mist, 8-1 Moonshire: John Errims, Big Ben. 12-1 others 1996: PRINCELY SOUND 8-5 M Feeton (11-1) M Bell 12 ran

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4.45 EVELYN DELVES BROUGHTON MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O fillies: £7,158: 71 2yd) (11 runners)

BETTBMG: 2-1 Sceptre Lady. 5-1 Mystery Hall, Bex's Pauly, 8-1 Blacking Desett, 9-1 Sweet Patoople, 10-1 others. 1996: ALINTY JAME 8-11 Pat Eddery (2-1 lav) B Hills 12 ran

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8.05 CATTAL NOVICES CHASE

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4 12211 TEE-MYNCATCH 72 (D.S.) J Golde 5-10-3 S Taytor S)
5 3/0P GOBBG PUBLIC 13 (CD.F.G) P Chesthroph 10-10-0 A S Shifts
6 0513 KURRCHEM 18 (CD.R) C Brest 6-10-5 M Williamson 11-8 Teejay'n Mitt. 3-1 Highland Way. 11-2 Sammittan, 7-1 Fox Sparrow, 8-1 Kendano, 12-1 Golog Public

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANSERS: O Michalson, 17 vienness from 39 gamess, 28.6%; bits Mi Resette, 51 kms 188, 27.1%; G Richards, 28 kmn 123, 22.8%; I Easterly, 10 kmn 50, 20.0%; J Filogeridd, 17 kmn 106, 15.7%; P Seasonand, 8 kmn 107, 41.0%; JOCKEYS: R Damesody, 6 wirners from 28 richet, 28.6%; P Carbony, 8 kmn 167, 25.7%; R Johnson, 6 kmn 25, 24.0%; P Carbony, 8 kmn 35, 22.9%; E Cathaghan, 5 from 22, 22.7%; R Gasel, 16 kmn 85, 18.8%.

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| 1504 BOSTON MAN 20 (B.C) B Woodhouse 5-11-8. R Ommoodly 1504 BOSTON MAN 20 (B.C) B Woodhouse 5-11-8. R Ommoodly 6-89-8 BECK AND CALL 18 Mass V Williams 8-12-0. N W 5-2 Chuna King, 5-1 Revealer, 8-1 Silent Guest, 8-1 Boston Man, Beck And Call, ... Twoedswood, 14-1 Praise Be, Diddy Rysser, 16-1 others.

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2.10 (St. 18yd.) 1. DALINTING LADY (Patt Edday), 10-11 fav); 2. Nessventy Abstone
Lif Eggan, 12-1), 5. Kilcora (K Fallon, 4-1);
ALSO RAN: 6 Salarmanca (Ath.), 12 Flavy
Brog (Shi), Young Bry (Shi), 16 Perinfess,
20 Scoline. 8 ran. 5t, 21, 34, 194, 11. R.
Hartron at East Everteight, 10th £1.80;
£1.20 C.3.30, £1.30, 0°F. £15.10, CSF£1.37 72.
2.40 (1m 21 75vd.) 1, COMON FALLS (L.
Derlon, 9-2), 2. Solo Mio (Pat Eddey, 4-1);
3. Monatort (f Counn, 20-1) ALSO RAN:
11-4 law Guil Harbour (8th), 100-30
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The Point, 40 Hype Superior, 10 ran. 134,
394, 114, 34, 294.) J. Gooden et Newmystest
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11-1), 3. Northern Ean (L. Chamock, 50-1);
11-10, 20 From (L. Chamock, 50-1);
11-11, 3. Northern Ean (L. Chamock, 50-1);
11-12, 10-12, 10-12, 11-11, 10, 11-12, 11

hd, 3141, 3141 M Pipe at Wellington. Toter: 15:30; 61:40, 62:80, 514:40, 52:40, 57:53:70, 1716: 51:108:20 CSF: ES0:80 77:2251:52:2091:80.

4.10. (71:122vd) 1. GREAT CHILD (K Fallon, 92:10vl); 2. Jediney Anothermod (R Hughes, 18-1); 3. Bollin Tenry (I. Chernock, 8-1); 4. 1 Carrit Remamber (J. F. Egon, 14-1). ALSO RAN-6 Rotum of Amin (Sm); 15-2 Hawaii, No Moree Pressure, 8 Rechallin, 9 Normore M Niceguy (Sm), 12 Penry Remance, 16 Highly Respected, Jest The Water, Tinly Parched, 20 Efferwasence, 25 Food Baltafion, 33 What Happened Was, 16 ran, 31, rik, hd, 31, 141, M Stotse at Newmentel, Tote; 56:50; 51:90, 85:00, 51:90, 52:50; 52:50; 52:50; 51:90, 55:00, 51:90, 55:50; 51:90, 55:50; 51:90, 55:50; 51:90, 55:50; 51:90, 51:50;

Brighton

Tachycardia, 16 Haibert, Pearl Dawn, Velver Jones, 20 frigh Flotion, Reghty Ho (5th), 33 into Debt, Mogn. Shermood 17 san 114f, 14f, 214f, 114f, 13k, G t. Moore at Brightion, Toter 05.10; £1 10, £2 50, £2 20, £2 10. DF: £16.10; Thio: £25.40, CSF: £30.99, Tricast; £163.81. 230,99, Tricast: \$163,61.

2.55 (1m 3i 199yd) 1, MAZUREK (Paul Eddery, 9-2); 2, Prince Denzig (R Friench: 9-4 isnt); 3, Dunconsto Hest (D O'Shea, 4-1), ALSO RAN: 9-2 Rising Dough (4th), 7 Bedouin Prince, 10 Colour Coursellor, Nawaj (5th), 25 Dazzling, 33 Mey King Mayhem (5th), 9 tan. 5, 3, nd; 11, 81 M Pape at Wellington. Tole: \$5 10; 22:70, \$2.10, \$2.30 DF: 28 10. Tric: \$13.10 CSF: \$14.92 Tricast: \$42.77.

e230 DF: 2810. Tifo: £13.10 CSF: £14.92 Tricost: £9217.
4.25 (Im 1/2 2090) 1, STELLAR LINE (D Griffitins, 7-4 tov); 2, Law Dancer (A Whatan, 8-2); 3, Roman Real (S Whatanch, 100-30). ALSO RAN: 12 Keenest Retucence, Noble Hero, 14 Lag Betorum (rth), 16 Mac's Deltoris, 20 Burning Flame (8th), 33 Another Fickle, Da Georgy, Krov. Protege (8th), 11 rs. 13), Ab, 48, 184, 184.
D Elsworth at Whitconthe. Tole: £2.20; £1.40, £1.90, £1.90 DF: £5.00, Tifo: £5.50.
CSF: £845.
4.55 (5/ 213vc) 1, CDLLEGE NIGHT (M Herry, 7-1); 2, Mercengo (8 Sanders, 4-1); £tay; 3, £1/s Folly (A Day, 10-1) ALSO RAN: 4-1 j-fav Chorus Song, 5 Rylog Harold (8th), Dut Line, 11 Linch, Peter Perfect, 12 Amile, Salmhbanco, 14 Denoty Regent (Sh), 16 With The Tempo, 25 Fan. Ot Vern-Ada (8th), Jos's Prince, 14 ren. NR: Duston Boy, 1/s/l, 1/s/l, 3/s/l, 3/s/l, 1/s/l, 5 Witterns at Newmerket Tote: £12.40; C280, £1.30, £5.50. DF: £1.50. Tric: £23.94 francest £288.21.
Placepot £50.00. Cuadpoi: £15.00.

1 FP-F DON'T LIGHT UP 30 (B.G.S) Mass V Williams 11-11-10
Mr R Thompso 1 FFF CURE I LIBERT OF SU (5,00-) MASS Y WINDOWS (11-11-10)

14 111 BLACK CHURCH 29 (CD.F.S) R Rose 11-11-5... D O'Soilbean (5)

3 2004 PRISERLEY PLACE 27 (6.5) N Testan-bases 9-11-5.C Liberdyn 94

3 3717 INDICEDIA SALE 38 (F.S.S) R LORE 10-10-7..... D Moris 88.

5 5562 BARRETORNI BLL 5 (V.D.F.E.S) M Pipe 8-10-6...... A P McCoy 94

6 -500 MCQLE JOE 21 (C.F.E.S) M Tab 11-10-4...... MC 0 McChail (7) 89 2-1 Black Church, 5-2 Funchess Gale, 5-1 Baselowe BID, 6-1 Pemberley Place, 13-2 Don't Light Up, 14-1 Nickle Joe. 3.55 SANDRINGHAM SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,094: 2m 4f 110yd) (18) 18 6800 CATWALKER 37 H Webb 6-10-0 _____ Sophie Misshel (8) 81 9-2 Fleet Caclet, 7-1 Star Performer, XIII True, 8-1 Hesto Me Maro, Prize Marich, 10-7 Look in The Micror, Strike-A-Pose, Khazan, 12-1 others. 4.30 JOHROCKS HOVICES HUNTERS CHASE (Amaleurs: £1,067: 3m) (4) Evens Phar You Tourthy, 5-4 Savoy, 8-1 Archer, 16-1 Sultan's Son,

11-8 Soog Ol The Sword, 9-4 Spring Campaign, 11-2 Tozaljar, 18-1 (buhal Dolly 14-7 Romanik: Warrior, 16-1 Sardella Cape, Spiencer Statione, 20-1 Sarsey Street.

2.55 BUCKINGHAM NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE

1 4133 LLTMAYE SMOOTHE 95 (D.BF.F.S) M Page 5-12-0 A P McCoy 90
2 4702 ROYAL RULER 37 J Gillard 6-11-9 R Duswoody 97
3 0102 BLADE OF FORTUNE 39 (S) V Gressway 5-11-5 Mr J Tezzard (7) 96
4 2211 GESWAY 7 (D.F.G.) M Walter 7-11-3 X Algore (5) 96
5 2523 MR POOPLETON 49 R Bullerton 8-10-5 L L Harrey 96
6 64P2 DAYDREAM BELLEVER 12 M Salarma 5-10-0 L Mr O McPrail (7) 65
8 238P MAYTLEY 245 M Salard 5-10-0 N F Greens 89

3,25 HIGHGROVE HANDICAP CHASE (£4,601: 3m) (6)

(£2,262: 2m 110yd) (8)

1 2122 ARCHER 18P (D.F.S) Mas J Lawis 9-12-0. M Harris (7) — 2 1-UT PHAR TOO TOUCHY 11 (D.F.G.S) V Debud 10-12-0 N Harris (7) 3 3 32-F SANDY 66 PG 6 Robusts 10-12-0. A Option (7) 68 4 0-10 SULTAN'S SOR 11 (D.F.G) S Cathleri 11-12-0. G Lends (7) 68 5.00 south west amateur riders handicap **KURDLE** (£2,360: 3m) (9)

7-2 Grosvenor, 4-1 Country Stoce, 6-1 Zingittar, Bellindon, 7-1 Botas Bythn Glass, 8-3 Stac-Politalith, 10-1 Cohadi, Apachee Planer, 12-1 Icantelya. **COURSE SPECIALISTS**

11-6 Danaishan, 7-2 Wisse King Handy Lats, 6-1 Fourth to Line, 6-1 Sami Ciel. 7.50 LUCIA FARMER HANDICAP SKY CHASE (£3,518: 2m 4f) (5)

6-4 Formal Invitation, 9-4 Plunder Bay, 11-2 Salter Jim, 7-1 Andermati, Windows

(£2,411: 3m 110yd) (15)

(\$2,411: 3m 110yd) (15)

1 5502 MS CARSTIE 11 (0.5) Mias 1. Schiel 5-11-7

2 632 MANN MALL AD 60 C Macrock 7-11-0 ... JR Kavanagh

3 5252 BECCHRED FLYER 57 (S) W Cay 5-11-0 ... G Tomby

4 -PFF BOTTLE BLACK 4 (S) T Hard (1-14) ... P Michael 5 6000 CYPRESS AVENUE S? Ms V Word 5-11-0 ... Mr R Thomston (3)

6 2UPS (CITTERY TEXET 13 (S) T George 8-11-0 ... Mr A Fritgerald

7 OP- MEOOR HALL PRINCE 414 Betting 7-11-0 ... Mr A Fritgerald

8 FF SCALE DOWN 5 J Platening 8-11-0 ... Mr A Fritgerald

9 006 SCHIEV 18 J McConnockle 8-11-0 ... S Wynne

10 044 STEEL CRIMESS 110SF 8 Candedge 8-11-0 ... S Wynne

11 0FS TRABE MANN 753 D There 18-11-10 ... K Godin

12 TREBITSOE MAURIC C SING 5-11-0 ... Mr Ranger

13 15/P UPHAM SURPRISE 97 (S) J Did 9-11-0 ... S I Union

14 15/4 MINIST RANGEON 28 (D.45) Ms D Thèire 8-10-9 ... J F Today

15 0UPO PUSH ON POLLY 37 J Protes 7-10-9 ... J Supple

14 Boom 148 Lad, 9-2 Beachfold Figer 11-2 Mt Christle 13-2 Cypness Avenue

16-1 Lottery Triclet, 12-1 Sidney, King's Randow, 16-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANSSS, J Old, 8 winners from 24 runners, 33.3%; 7 George, 3 from 10, 30.0%, it Henderson, 8 from 31, 25.8%, D Micholson, 22 from 96, 22.9%; Mrss H Knight, 14 from 71, 19.7%; Mrs D Haine, 3 from 16, 18.8%. 10CXEYS: A P McCay, 16 wanters trust 63 rights, 25 4%; J Tilley, 9 from 37 24.3%, 6 Tormey, 9 from 48, 18.8%, G Upton, 6 from 38. 15.8%, D Callegber, 10 from 66, 15.2%; J Culley, 5 from 35, 14.2%.

Culton Bent, 12 Wentshirige List, 14 Power Ecipse. 16 Arok Ku. 20 Cackez Le Capse. 17 Le Capse. 18 Arok Ku. 20 Cackez Shackew (6 Doyle, 8-11 Sey. 25 Cackez Shackew (6 Doyle, 8-11 Sey. 25 Cackez Le Capse. 19 Cackez Le C TRANSETS: M Pipe, 55 winners from 214 numbers, 25.7%, R Rose, 7 from 33, 21.2%; N Iweston-Davies, 22 from 113, 19.9%, J Cit.d. 7 from 36, 19.4%; D Burchell, 5 from 29, 17.9%, K Balley, 3 from 22, 13.5%. JUCKEYS: A P McCup, 24 winners from 85 fides, 27.9%, D Crystifton, 5-from 20, 25.0%; R Durmoody, 30 from 121, 24.8%; G Torsey, 5 from 23, 21.7%, D Borghell, 5 from 26, 19.2%; W Marston, 10 from 62, 15.1%.

THUNDERER 7.20 Handy Lass. 7.50 Sailor Jim. 8.20 Mr Christie. Carl Evans: 5.50 Ita's Fellow.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT **5.50** MOBILEFONE GROUP NOVICES HUNTERS CHASE (Amaleurs: £1,446; 3m 21) (10 runners)

GRASE (ATTAIRUTS: 1, 1,440; SITI 2) (10 TUTINES)

1 01-4 BALASANI 25 (C.F.G.S) J.J O'Neill 11-12-0 A Sansome (5)

2 PIUG DOMINO MIGHT 359 (7) E Haddinch 7-12-0 ... B Hammer (7)

3 2113 RSCAL POLICY 4EP (F.G) A Trotte 9-12-0 ... R Trotter (7)

4 -1P2 GALLE'S FOURTAN 459 (7) D.D Callow 6-12-0 ... A Debtor (7)

5 -111 TIA'S TELLOW 259 (F.G.S) O Prince 9-12-0 ... Alter C Ford (7)

6 P.52 ... BST MARNALADE 259 (5) D Williams 8-12-0 ... R Strott (7)

7 1145 ROYAL SEGOS 319 (5) Mrs. S Baster 10-12-0 ... S Walker (7)

9 P-25 VERY DARROS (7) Hart 7-12-0 Miss S Strater (7)

10 F211 FROM COVER 469 (6) S Piac 7-11-9 ... Miss S Vickery (7)

2 Pets Fallow 11-2 Bets can form Cover 7-1 formon Mart 4 forms Royal 6-10-10. 5-2 Ba's Fellow, 11-2 Balassoni, Front Cover, 7-1 Domino Might, Royal Segos, 8-1 Festal Policy, 12-1 Gible's Founday, Just Marmalade, 15-1 others.

6.20 HOUGHTON VAUGHAN SELLING SKY HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,879: 2m) (10)

9-4 Blooft, 7-2 Playtu Jubet, Wordsmoth, 6-1 Days Ol Thunder, 10-1 Bresd, 12-1 Mecado, 20-1 Maggus Lad, Onnoch Verture, Kings Visson, 33-1 Only A Seou.

6.50 BRADSHAW BROS OPEN HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,840: 4m 2f) (7) 5 Holiock (5)
6 HZZ GRAMMLE GUEST 56 (BF.G) P Nichols 11-12-0 J Tezzer (7)
7 2323 PEALADE 24P (CF.G.S) Mess J Warmall 13-12-0 Miss J Warmall (7)

7.20 COUTTS & CO HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,717: 2m) (5) 1 4534 FOURTH IN LINE 36 (D.G.S.) M Wilkneson 9-12-0... W Mersion 2 3112 DARMOSHAM 12 (D.F.C.S.) Mes H Krapt 5-11-8 J Culforly 3 372 WISE KING 60 (D.G.J.) Old 7-11-4 C Llewelph 4 1122 HARDY LASS 18 (D.F.G.S.) J Smith 8-11-0 ... M. A Program 5 0008 SAINT CEL. 11 (CD.G.S.) F Jordan 9-11-0 ... A P MicCoy

1 USTF PLUNDER BAY 11 (CD.F.S.) N Henderson 6-11-10 M A Fitzgeridd 2 /217 FORMAL HAVTATION 2: (D.F.) D Nicholason 8-11-10 Ms R Thomason (3) 3 5-50 ANDERMATT 20 (CD.6.S.) J Mesice 10-11-8... E Hysteinon (3) 4 P-PO WILDIAMP 20 (F.6.S.) Ms J Starry 6-11-8... Ms C Storry 5 2420 SALOR JBN 34 (C.D.F.6.S.) P Delton 10-11-0 A P MeCoy

8.20 A W STOKES DRUMS NOVICES HURDLE

EQUESTRIANISM: NEW ZEALANDER BIDS TO EMERGE FROM COMPATRIOT'S SHADOW AT BADMINTON

Tait savours chance to ride into history hero worship

f you were to take a straw poll on the name of New Zealand's Olympic threeday event champion, 90 per cent would probably say Mark Todd. They would be wrong. The answer is Blyth Tait (or "Blind Date", as one sevenyear-old ventured).

Tair, 36, has been world champion (1990), Olympic bronze medal-winner (1992). the world's highest-ranked rider (1992, 1994 and 1996) and won the individual gold and team bronze in Atlanta last summer, but still lacks the recognition enjoyed by his compatriot. Badminton, which starts tomorrow, may unlock his fame.

It was Todd's first win, in 1980, that propelled a littleknown dairy farmer to the forefront of the sport, and Tait will not be satisfied until he has won it. He has come tantalisingly close. In four attempts he has been runner-up three times and was fifth last year on Chesterfield, the horse that he rides this week. "It's the one every rider wants to win," Tait said. The pressure there is enormous."

That should be to his advantage. Few riders have come under greater pressure than Tait did in Atlanta, when he found himself contesting the individual event on the eightyear-old Ready Teddy, a horse which had been a novice the previous year.

Originally selected as reserve. Tait took Ready Teddy to Atlanta rather than his more experienced horse. Aspyring because he thought the younger horse would withstand the heat and travelling better. When Todd's horse. Kayem, went lame, he and

Ready Teddy were called up. I remember thinking. My

LEICESTER, all being well, will reassemble their first-

choice XV for the Pilkington

Cup final against Sale at

Twickenham on Saturday, an

achievement that has been

beyond them for most of the

past month because of iniu-

ries. However, it does not

Eric Miller, the young Irish-

man, takes the No 8 position

and Will Greenwood who, like

Miller, has been suffering

from an ankle injury, is ex-

pected to resume in the centre.

Martin Johnson, the British

among the replacements.

Jenny MacArthur meets the Olympic

champion still striving for recognition

Olympics on a green horse, but I've said he can do it so I must prove he can ," Tait said. The ride that he produced has been hailed as one of the great feats of horsemanship. "I de-cided to start off as if I meant to win," Tait said, "and if he wasn't coping I'd pull him up - but he just kept flying.

Olympic success did at least bring recognition at home. While his 1990 world championship win on Messiah had been lost on a wider public. Tait's Olympic performance was televised at 3am, and most of the country seem to have watched it. Ten thousand people lined the streets of his home town at Pukekohe when The gold medal also eased

financial worries. Although sponsored by Toggi since 1992. Tait has had to spend a lot of time teaching to make ends meet. Support from the New Zealand Sports Foundation, which regards Tait, Todd and Andrew Nicholson as three of the country's likely medal-winners for the Sydney Olym-pics in 2000, now allows Tait to concentrate on his riding and training.

Like his compatriots, he

bases himself in England - at Susanne van Heyningen's yard near Northleach, in Gloucestershire — in order to benefit from its eventing facilities. "If you decide in New Zealand you want to event seriously, the only answer is to come to England," Tait said. There just aren't the facilities at home.

The chairman of the International Equestrian Riders Association. Tait recently criti-

RUGBY UNION

Leicester name optimum XV

Isles captain, will lead the

team, a role that he may fill

moment, we haven't had a

point scored against us in 50 minutes," Bob Dwyer, the

Leicester director of rugby.

said yesterday. The comment

was well made: the defence

during the past six games and

they were distinctly fortunate

not to concede more than two

tries during the 20-20 league

draw last Saturday at Sale,

whose team for Twickenham

That point, however, was

will be named today.

"We are on a roll at the

permanently next season.

cised the ruling that will restrict foreign riders to one horse at the Mitsubishi Motors Badminton Horse Trials this year, while allowing certain British riders to have two. "We understood the predicament," Tait said, "but it was disappointing for us that a system couldn't be worked out which was fair. It must be in Badminton's interests to have the best 80 horses in the world running."

Tait has had to drop his second ride, on Aspyring, and will pin his hopes on Chester-field. The II-year-old gelding, a tough New Zealand thoroughbred, was offered to him in 1994 after his rider, Melissa Bradley, had been killed in a

Tait said: "From what I hear, the course is very technical and it would be easy to have a silly runout." Perfectionist that he is, he will walk the course at least three times and then, proba-bly, confer with Todd. Al-though the riders are very different in physique (Todd is 6ft 3in, Tait 5ft 6in) and riding style - Todd sits quietly and appears to do little. Tait is busier - Tait values his advice.

"Mark put eventing on the map in New Zealand and he's been enormously influential in my approach to the sport," he said. "When I look back, I realise just how unselfish he's been with all the help he's given me. Perhaps, by Sunday evening, Tait's name will be as trumpeted as Todd's is. It could be Chesterfield's year

the Heineken Cup next season

and, in Dwyer's phrase,

shrug the monkey off our

backs and free us to play with

BY RAYMOND KEENE

CHESS CORRESPONDENT

The clash between Garry

Kasparov and IBM's Deep

Blue computer is giving rise to

some extraordinarily contro-

versial situations. Not least of

these was Kasparov's amazing

decision to resign game two in

a position where he could have

forced a draw by perpetual check. Today, I look at two key positions from the first

Position after White's

30th move from game one

Here, Deep Blue snatched

material with 30, . . . Bxe2. An

alternative is 30, ... Bxf4.

when Kasparov announced

after the game that he would

have continued with 31, 2014

Bxe2: 32, Qg1 Kh7: 33, Rel Bh5: 34, Qh2 Bf7: 35, Ng4 h5:

36, Qh4 with a fience at-

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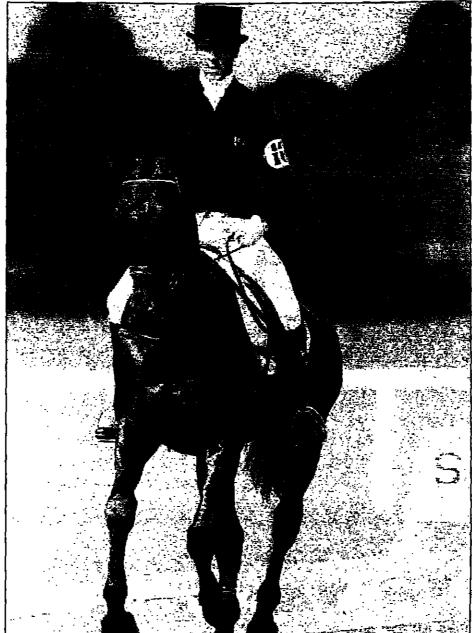
White: Garry Kasparov

Black: Deep Blue

Key variations

a little less hesitation". Niail Malone, who played

Stuart Potter.



Tait, one of the favourites, is prepared to withstand four days of extreme pressure

Capriati loses concentration

JENNIFER CAPRIATI was beaten 7-6, 6-2 by fellow American Chanda Rubin in the first round of the Italian Open in Rome yesterday despite controlling much of a first set that saw eight breaks

stand-off half in the final of service. against Bath last year, moves Capriati, who led 5-2 at one to full back at the expense of stage, had three set points as John Liley, and he is one of she took a seemingly unstoppable 40-0 lead at 5-3. Howonly two backs who survive from that day, along with ever. her concentration evaporated, giving way to a Greenwood, S Potter, L Lloyd; J Stransky, A Heakey, G Rowmtree, A Cockenti, D Garforth, J Wels, M Johnson, M Poole, N Back, E Miller, Reptacements: R Liley, S Hackney or R Underwood, A Kardooni, D West, W Drake-Lee, D Richards ragged service and some er-

ror-ridden strokeplay. "I just lost my concentration. I made a few bad mistakes, missed some balls

31, gxf4 Bxe2, White could win

more easily with the simple 32,

Qd2 threatening both Qxe2 and Qc3 with a devastating

attack on the long diagonal

Position after White's

36th move from game one

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the State

BING

against Black's king.

Black: Deep Blue

White: Garry Kasparov

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and I lost my focus," Capriati said. "I tried to get it back, but she started playing better and I lost the momentum I had."

Boxing: The rematch between Mike Tyson and Evander Holyfield will be on June 28 after Barry Markman, Tyson's doctor, cleared him to resume contact training. The contest was scheduled for May 3 but was postponed when Tyson reopened a cut over his left eye sustained in

Motor racing: John Barnard

la One team as technical director. Barnard. 51, has been linked with Arrows, for whom Damon Hill, the world champion, drives since his five-year association with Ferrari ended earlier this season. He will replace Frank Dernie, who has left the team.

Motor rallying: Carlos Sainz, of Spain, and François Delecour, of France, share the lead in the Tour of Corsica after an eventful second day that saw Toromi Makinen the world champion, pull out after hitting a cow in his Mitsubishi Lancer.

SH LEAGUE: Extremedure ! Serce

HOCKEY

MS_TON KEYNES: RAF Careers Yout Cup: Under-14: Sami-Snels: MSSed Bedford 1 (MSSed won 3-2 on parts) Samon Langton 3 St George's 3 (Sano

CRICKET

county championship 11 ft, first day of lour, 104 overs minimum -DERBY: Derbyshire v Surrey HARTLEPOOL: Durham v

Cork must end

A cautionary tale is un-folding at Derby, and it is dreadfully familiar to everybody except the man whose story it tells. In his current role of Little Boy Blue, Dominic Cork seems perplexed by the stardom that happenstance conferred upon him two years ago. But that's happenstance for you: it hap-pens to the best, and it happens to the rest.

It is no exaggeration to say that this talented cricketer. whose career has been abundantly blessed, stands at the crossroads. If he wants to read the sign correctly perhaps he should have a quiet word with a man who shares the Derbyshire dressing room. Phillip DeFreitas has trodden the same path and could whisper something useful into his team-mate's shell-like.

The gist of the story is simple kind words can destroy a man just as surely as poison. When England last beat Australia, ten long years ago, DeFreitas was seen as a possible successor to lan Botham. He had just broken into the Test team as a 20-yearold, alongside Botham, and shown promise with bat as well as ball. He is older now, and wiser, and has more Test wickets to his name than anybody available to England. But somehow the career foreseen never came to pass.

blame and, in any case, nobody can bring back the lost years. Defreitas was certainly headstrong as a younger man. but there was no malice in him and one wonders if defter handling at Leicestershire, and then at Lancashire, could have drawn more from him. He observes Cork's troubles with a practised eye. Corky will come through because there are plenty of people around him to help him. I just wish there had been people there to help me when I had problems."

Once upon a time he could be genuinely fast. When he bowled out Middlesex for 43 at Lord's in 1989, running in from the Nursery End to take seven for 21, he was quicker than the man at the other end, Patrick Patterson, who was then considered "the world's fastest man".

DeFreitas has cut down his pace and gained greater control of his swing, the very quality that Cork is striving to regain. He has not abandoned hope of playing international cricket again. "I saw Angus Fraser's name mentioned the other day, and people are talking about Devon, who iswhat - 34? I am just going to carry on playing and enjoying

HENDERSON



Line and Length

my cricket for Derbyshire." If the England team for the oneday internationals is picked on merit he must be worth consideration. He has started the season with a barrowload of wickets and, after the first winter of his career away from the game, he is feeling fully fit and, as social workers might say, "well adjusted".

As for Cork, it would surely help if his name was not always linked with Botham's. as it was for about the loist time in a Sunday paper that acts as Botham's unofficial court circular. Under an "exclusive" banner it reported It is not easy to apportion that Botham was assisting Cork, which is no exclusive at all. If the paper is to be believed, they are in and out of each other's houses more often than Pinky and Perky.

> Besides, if Botham is indeed the England team's bowling adviser. then assisting the bowlers, of whom Cork is one, is precisely what he should be doing. For the greater good of English cricket can we please get away from Botham? There is no point in harking back to the immediate past, and certainly not in the case of Cork, who needs no invitation to remind us that Botham was his hero. That is one good reason for not using Botham as a personal tutor. When a man approaching 26 keeps harping on about "my hero" it is high time he was told to leave home.

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How can it benefit any young man to know there is a giant at his back? It did DeFreitas no good, and it has Botham was an outstanding swing bowler who could also be very sharp, a magnificent attacking batsman and a slip fielder who caught pigeons. He terrified opponents just by taking the field. Comparisons are absurd.

SPEEDWAY



include Dean Richards, the was well made: the defence club captain, who must start has been like a leaky bucket

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

I was asked to assign the blame on this hand. Look at the bidding before reading my comments.

70103 ♥KJ942 • K Q 5 + A **4A97653** +QJ84 E S

Pass 1H 1S 3S 5C Pass All Pass Four Hearts is a sound contract, and would have made. Six Clubs went one off. This is

my opinion of what went

(I) West's initial Pass: I think West should open the bidding. Most 11-counts with a six-card suit are worth opening. The only hands that are not worth it are those where the suit is particularly weak and there are too many points in the short suits. For example, I think it is correct to pass as

≜J4 ♥KJ ♦KQJ ♠876532 because the rebid after One Club - One Spade is so unsatisfactory.

(2) West's jump to Three Clubs. There are different treatments of a jump by a passed hand. To use it simply to say "I have a maximum pass" is wrong; on this hand, if your partner cannot bid again after you bid Two Clubs, you

a. An Indonesian language

b. The Japanese November

HOUNGAN

c. A Voodoo priest

a. A sacred cloth

b. A collar pin

c The Koran

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

NANDI

ட A bull NOZZER

a. The nose

a. Unleavened bread

b. A police informer

c. A naval recruit

b. The Aramaic diphthong

will not be missing anything. So, the most useful treatment and the normal understanding among good players, is to use the jump after passing to show a reasonable suit and at least four-card support for opener's suit. If West had Q 10 x x in hearts, then Three Clubs would be justified merely bidding Two Clubs might have resulted in a missed game. A further point jumping to Three against Clubs is that East would feel discouraged from bidding on if he had a singleton club, yet that is a good holding opposite

(3) East's jump to Five Clubs showed that he did not subscribe to the view I expressed above, that Three Clubs should show four-card heart support. If all the Three Club showed was a good club suit, it is reasonable to jump to Five Clubs — there is a fair chance that West has a singleton spade, and the jump may give South a problem. After all, give West:

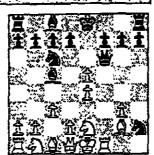
+4¥0103+1042+AK9765 and Five Clubs is a good contract. In practice, Four Clubs would have worked better than Five Clubs - West could have bid Four Hearts. (4) West's Six Clubs is wild. and the worst bid in the auction. Whatever he intended to mean by Three Clubs, it is clear that he has bid his hand. ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in

Sport and in the Weekend However, Kasparov overlooked that, after 30. ... Bxf4: section on Saturday.

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WINNING MOYE

By Raymond Keene Black to play. This position is from the game Manko — Jankovitz. Germany, 1900. White has got into a mess from the opening, but now, with his double attack against the black queen, he may have been optimistic about extricating himself from his difficulties. If so, Black's next move would have been an unwelcome surprise.



his defeat by Holyfield. has joined the Arrows Formu-

ATHLETICS **FOOTBALL** Monday's late results PONTIN'S LEAGUE: First division: Mid-diesbrough 1 Preston North End 0, Second Consider the State of the State VINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: Flor division: Chatham 2. Greenwich 2. Crockentrial 3 Czay 3; Henne Bay 1 Beckentriam 0; Sade Green 2 Woolwich 1. SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE First

ATHLETICS

ANTRIM: Halifax British Universities Sports Association Championships (winners): Final day: Ment 200m: D Money (Shelileid) 20 80sec 400m: R Knowles (Shelileid) 47:10 800m: P Waiter (Edinburgh) 1min 50.50sec 1.500m: R Scarton (Loughborough) 35:020. 5,000m: I Grame (Loughborough) 14:26 4 10,000m: I Methews (West of England) 29:55:9 3,000m: I Methews (West of England) 29:55:9 3,000m: I 10m hurdles: R Baifle (Glasgow Catedonar) 14:02ec 4:200m relay: Brunel University College 42:20. 4x 400m relay: Loughborough 3min 10:20sec, Polo waite: L Walker (Loughborough) 15:16m. Javelin: Loughborough 3min 10:20sec, 400m: C Marchy (Brunel) 24:0sec, 400m: C Marchy (Brunel) 24:0sec, 400m: C Marchy (Brunel) 24:0sec, 400m: C Liston: C Merin (Cxidon) 42:5:10. 5,000m: P Thackray (Sheffeld) 18:45:4, 10,000m: Y Corneely (Wolvenhampton) 35:54:5, 100m hurdles: R Korg (UWIC) 13:90sec 4x 100m relay: Brunel University (Staffordhyre) 12:42m Shot: C Bernett (Greenwech) 13:89m mouth 1.

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Monareal 2 BASKETBALL

Here, Deep Blue played the feeble 36, ... Kf8. The most NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NEA) Playtesting course is 36, ... Ng4 to shift White's blockading knight on e3. However, even in this case, White has a forced TODAY'S FIXTURES win, eg. 36, ... Ng4; 37, f6 Nxe3; 38, f7+ Kf8: 39, Bxf3 Nxfl: 40, Bxh5 when Black has **FOOTBALL** kick-off 7 30 unless stated

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Alternatively, 36. ... Ng4: 37, 16 Nxe3; 38, 17+ Kf8; 39. Bxf3 exf3; 40, Rxf3 Rd1+; 41, Kh2 Ng4+; 42. Kh3 Rhl+: 43. Kg2 Rh2+; 44 Kg1. Here. Black has run out of checks and is again delenceless to g7.

no defence to g7+.

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

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Jones catches Moody off his guard

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

TOM MOODY stood there thought. He had taken a firm stride down the pitch and driven Glenn Roberts, the Derbyshire left-arm roller, to the cover boundary — or so he imagined. Instead, the ball flew to Dean Jones, his opposite number and once a team-mate in the Australia side, who had positioned himself at short extra cover for just such a stroke. Worcestershire, set to make 232, would not get there and Moody knew it. He bowed his head and took

his leave slowly, though the shame was not his. He had made 77 out of 130, making good the loss of four wickets to give his side a chance of gaining the victory that they needed to progress from this difficult group. Now, even if they win their last match, at Old Trafford next Monday, they are unlikely to qualify for the quarter-finals of the Benson and Hedges Cup.

Jones was an absolute wiz yesterday, for he caught not only Moody but also took out Graeme Hick, whose six in-nings in all cricket this season have yielded \$5 runs. Jones had out himself at short midwicket for Hick and when the batsman clipped Malcolm off his legs, Jones snaffled a good, low catch.

lt was possible to make a case for Jones as the man of the match, because good catches tend to win them. The gold award went instead to Vince Clarke, who is making a new start at his third county, after one unmemorable year with Somerset and a further two at Leicester. Clarke, a leg



By getting them from 39 balls, Clarke supplied initiafor a few moments, lost in tive when the Derbyshire innings most needed it. After he drove Haynes to long on, look-ing for a second six. Derby-shire lost their way and the last six wickets went down for 22. On a pitch where the odd ball crept, a score of 231 would always stretch Worcester-shire, as long as the bowlers kept it up to the bat.

Malcolm did just that, bowling accurately and with some fire. He bowled Weston off an inside edge and it was only the thinnest of edges next ball that denied him the wicket of Hick. DeFreitas, maintaining his excellent early-season form. had nothing to show for his first spell, but it was not for want of effort. He had three leg-before appeals turned

Kim Barnett has also begun the year well, overcoming the pain of a stitched-up knee to make a forthright contribution with the bat. Last week, he made an unbeaten hundred at Old Trafford and 88 against Yorkshire, and yesterday he gave them another 59 before he was bowled, advancing to drive Hick's off spin. Derbyshire have now won three matches out of four and meet Warwickshire next Monday to confirm their place in the quarter-finals.

I Nick Knight, the England and Warwickshire opening batsman, returns from injury in the three-day match against Oxford University in the Parks, which starts today. Knight broke his right index finger in six places in the penultimate game of England's winter tour of New Zealand



Barnett picks his spot to drive Hick towards the boundary with Rhodes, the wicketkeeper, looking on

Vaughan steers safe passage for Yorkshire through to last eight

(2pts) beat Warwickshire by

NEUTRAL observers hoping for an exciting finale were disappointed (Ivo Tennant writes). On Monday evening Yorkshire looked as if they would have some difficulty reaching a target of 234. The reality was that victory over Warwickshire and, with it, likely qualification for the Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-finals, was theirs by early afternoon with wickets

and overs in hand. There were one or two notable reasons. First, the ball did not swing as it had done when Yorkshire began their reply the previous day. The sun came out and stayed out. On a slowish pitch, Donald proved ineffectual, not taking a wicket, and one or two Yorkshire batsmen

EDGBASTON: Yorkshire played innings that will give (2pts) beat Warwickshire by the county succour for the weeks to come.

Vaughan made 88, his highest score in this competition. for which he won the gold award. For much of his innings he was in partnership with Lehmann, who thumped the ball around Edgbaston with great vigour. One six, cut to third man off Donald with scant backlift or respect for reputation, will not be easily forgotten by the paltry crowd that was present.

Lehmann was missed twice long-on by Welch off Giles. but otherwise merrily went on his way until he was taken at long-off, with Giles again the bowler. His 67 included eight fours as well as that six, his partnership with Vaughan one of 117 in 22 overs. Yorkshire then lost three wickets. unnecessarily, before wrapping up victory.

Leicestershire ease

ham won toss): Leicestershire (2pts) beat Durham by 19 runs (D/L method)

SNOW flurries liberally sprinkled Leicester's latest trophy challenge, but the county champions duly qualified for the Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-finals. Aftab Habib. the gold award-winner, made 111 from 117 balls (Michael Austin writes).

Leicestershire last won this competition 12 years ago. They headed off to Worcester in buoyant mood despite doubts over the litness of James Whitaker, whose side strain forced him to miss yesterday's

Durham could still reach the last eight. With their group programme completed, their fate depends on Leicestershire overpowering Northamptonthe fighting Durham underdog, and the sixth-wicket partnership of 63 in eight overs between Martin Speight and Nick Speak at least ensured a

challenge of sorts.

The uncapped Habib dominated a stand of 221 in 39 overs with Vince Wells, the acting captain in place of Whitaker. taking Leicestershire from 22 for two towards their lofty total. He then held two important catches at mid-wicket, to dismiss John Morris and Speight.

Two overs lost to snow gave Durham a revised target of 282. It mattered little, although Morris, batting with all his old vehemence, made 62 from 71 balls. Alas, a new. unfortunate entry in the Durham record book was their most expensive bowling in the competition. Michael Foster's nine overs

G I Macmillan, †P A Noron, D J Milles, A D Mullally and M T Bernson did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS, 1-18, 2-22, 3-243, 4-

BOWLING Brown 10-0-49-2 Killean 10-0-52-0 Walker 10-0-54-2, Foster 9-0-

64-0 Bailing 8-0-40-0, Collingwood 3-0-

J J B Lewis r. Dakin b Mullally . P D Collingwood c Macmillan b Brimson J E Morris c Habab b Brimson

tM P Speight c Habib th Mullally N J Speak c Dakin b Wells .

J Boiling c Brimson b Multally N Killeen run out S J E Brown not out

A Walker not out
Extras (to 5, w 10, nb 10)

M J Foster c Nixon b Dakin D C Boon c Nixon b Dakin

Lancashire forced to dig for victory

By RICHARD HOBSON

WALSALL: Lancashire (2pts) beat Minor Counties by 35

NO SIDE defending the Benson and Hedges Cup has ever been beaten by non-first-class opposition, but Minor Counties came far closer than the scorecard implies to upsetting that record yesterday.

Chasing 211 to overcome Lancashire, they had rushed to 91 for one after 13 overs when Larkins attempted to hoist the first delivery from Yates, the off spinner, over mid-wicket. The stroke was ill-timed in every sense and, in a swirling wind. Crawley accepted the chance. Lancashire never looked back.

There is an opinion within Minor Counties circles that vounger players deserve to be chosen ahead of the likes of Larkins and Radford, who have enjoyed decent careers in the professional game. In selecting such an inappropri-ate shot, Larkins hardly advertised the virtue of experience.

That Minor Counties had begun so confidently owed much to Dean, a teacher in Uttoxeter. He scored 41 in 35 balls, including a hooked six off Austin that soared out of the ground, but followed a well-directed ball from Green to Hegg, the wicketkeeper.

Lancashire had burrowed an escape tunnel on the first day, when Fairbrother led them from 4i for five to respectability. Seemingly trapped again, they proceeded to dig away for a second time. Cockbain and Ecclestone fell with the score on 102 and Dalton, after taking 16 from one Peter Martin over, holed out to Crawley at deep cover.

Austin returned to ensnare three victims and, despite a ninth-wicket stand of 30 between Radford and Sharp. Lancashire were determined not to let the two points slip. They remain in contention for a place in the quarter-finals.

A I, Penberthy c Salmond b Thomson 7
*R J Balley c Gourtay b Thomson . 15
*I. M Curran c Davies b Hurlbart . 8
*I C Watton c Thomson b Govan . 23
*M B Learn Dat for the second . 23

JE Emburey, †D Papley, JP Taylor and D

FALL OF WICKETS 1-20, 2-33, 3-49, 4-55, 5-94

BC(VLING Thomson 10-0-45-3, Gourlay 4-1-24-0, Hurlbart 5-0-28-1 Govan 5-0-17-1, Williamson 8 4-0-46-0

Umpires A Clarkson and D R Shepherd

Glamorgan v Ireland

CARDIFF Glamorgan (2pts) beat Ireland by six wickets

IRELAND

G Cooke by b Parkin

1A Patterson c Parkin b Watkin

D A Lewis by b Butcher

V J Cronle c and b Dale

"J D R Benson c and b Watkin

A R Durlop not out

D Heasley by b Crott

D Moore b Dale

G C Mohris c Maymard b Waqar

P McCrum not out

Edras (b 12, w 8)

Total (9 wids, 50 pvers)

FALL OF WICKETS 1-2 2-16 3-70, 4-134, 5-161, 6-162, 7-163, 8-172, 9-194

BOWLING Waga Yourns 10-0-42-1, Watkin 10-1-26-3, Parlen 7-1-25-1 Butcher 4-0-20-1, Croft 10-0-50-1, Date 9-1-27-2

GLAMORGAN

R D B Croft c Patierson b Cronje 43
H Monts b McCrum 24
A Dale c Patierson b Molins 45
M P Misynard c Heasley b Benson 50
P A Cotley not out 27
Extras (b 2, b 3, w 6, nb 4) 15

G P Butcher, †A D Shaw, Waqar Youns, S L Wathin and O T Parkin did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS, 1-73, 2-73, 3-164, 4-

..203

Total (9 wkis, 50 overs) ...

M & Loye not out

Total (5 wkts, 32.4 overs)

Gold Award M B Loye

Glamorgan wear down Ireland's resistance

By DEREK HODGSON

CARDIFF: Glamorgan (2pts) beat Ireland by six wickets

THE Irish, having traded their monopoly of the Eurovision song contest for were in feisty mood. Hansie Cronje promised to bleach his hair if they won a second group match but, alas, Glamorgan proved to be much less of a soft touch than Middlesex.

Cronje did win the gold award after holding the innings rogether on a pitch that proved mostly unresponsive, scoring 85 off 94 balls, including three sixes off Robert Croft, the England off-spinner, between mid-wicket and

The ground had recovered remarkably from Monday's downpour despite a cold wind and intermittent sun. Play started on time, and Cronje and Benson added 64 in 12 overs. Wagar Younis conceded ten runs in his first two overs and finished with one for 42 as he struggled to find a

Benson fell to a slower ball, Cronje's fine innings ended with an ugly cross-bat swipe, when there was no urgency, and from 161, the next four wickets fell for 33 in the remaining 12 overs.

Glamorgan, whose only hope of qualifying now rests on Somerset's last result and a faster scoring rate, had this much in mind. Croft, the pinch-hitter, had some revenge by hitting Cronje for successive straight sixes, Maynard hoisted the ball into the river, and it was all over in 30.3 overs. Paul McCrum. medium pace, length and line, was Ireland's best bowler.

Loye puts paid to Scotland

By John Thicknesse

NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire (2pts) beat Scotland by five wickets

RELIEVED to discover that their tarpaulin covers had been equal to the Monday flood, Northamptonshire encountered no more problems in sustaining their hopes of reaching the Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-finals. beating Scotland by five wickets. Needing 35 more runs when the game restarted yesterday, they knocked them off in 27 minutes. Malachy Loye wrapped matters up with a leg-glance for four off the 39th

ball of the day. The game almost certainly would have been finished in a day but for Northamptonshire putting down five catches, of which Loye's at mid-off was the easiest. By steering his side home from a precarious 55 for four, however, he earned himself the gold award, edging out his team-mate. David Follett, who took four for 39. Four of Loye's five fours were the product of his distinctive legside whip-cum-pull, which he plays with left leg raised.

Jeremy Snape, Loye's part-ner in the decisive unbroken stand of 70, dealt Scottish morale an early blow with a perfect cover-driven four off the second ball from Williamson.

By taking only 32.4 overs to pass the winning post. Northamptonshire, the beaten finalists last season, moved into credit in their net run-rate. Northamptonshire improved from -4.38 before the game to +6.19. By beating Leicestershire in the final qualifying match next Monday, however. they can make certain of a place in the last eight.

Major able to spend more time with childhood friend

ohn Major once intimated that, had he been able to play but once for England, he would willingly have swapped careers. It is too late for that now, of course, but not for him to play a significant part in the running of Surrey. whom he has supported since boyhood. They are keen that he

should do so, and it is likely he will become involved in the extensive redevelopment of the Vauxhall End at the Oval. Surrey are applying for National Lottery funding and are hoping to finish work on the dilapidated seating area between the scoreboard and The Cricketers pub before the World Cup, in 1999.

When the former Prime Minister sought solace at the Oval after his general election defeat. he told club officials that he would be visiting the ground more frequently this summer. He will be attending the floodlit match against Nottinghamshire next month, by implication endorsing Surrey's razzmatazz approach to Sunday cricket. Skydivers are also expected that

Major is an honorary life. vice-president. If he has the time, we would love to get him more involved in the club," Paul Sheldon, the chief executive, said. In my view, he would be of enormous benefit. He came to watch regularly when he was Prime Minister and, last week, was in amazing heart, very philosophical about life in general."



Picture this

John Major and John Paul Getty are Surrey's best-known supporters. The latter, famed for his philanthropy towards the game, has purchased from Christie's a cricketing picture that MCC regards as the most valuable in existence.

Rather than hang it in his own pavilion, Getty has lent it to the museum at Lord's for the Fine Art of Cricket exhibition that starts on May 25.

The museum was renovated during the winter and this will be the first exhibition of its kind. Getty's picture, by Francis Cotes, is titled The Young Cricketer: Portrait of Lewis Cage and is valued by. MCC at £1 million. There are 40 to 50 exhibits all told, and they can be viewed until the end of the summer.

Fond memories

Ashley Harvey-Walker, who, tragically, was shot dead in a bar in South Africa last week, will be fondly remembered in

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Derbyshire, the county for whom he played before becoming assistant groundsman at the Wanderers in Johannesburg. He took part in the famous match against Lancashire at Buxton in June 1975,

when snow stopped play. It was the first time that Clive Lloyd had seen snow. The pitch was so dangerous that, when Harvey-Walker came to face Peter Lever and Peter Lee, he took his false teeth out and handed them to the umpire. His name? It had, of course, to be Dickie Bird.

Sparkling idea

Michael Atherton's summer will be far from complete once he has seen off Australia. In September, his England XI will be playing France — at boules. The visit, organised by wine merchants, Lay & Wheeler, is the highlight of his

benefit year. Whether England will fare any better than against Australia is a moot point. Graham Gooch (favourite wine: the fifth-growth claret, Lynch Bages) is coming out of inter-

national retirement. Alas, he failed his French oral exam at school because he described how many windows there were in the classroom rather than what he could see out of them. What might truly scupper England, however, is that they play France after being given lunch at the house of Bollinger.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Benson & Hedges Cup

Derbyshire v DERBY: Derbystire (2pts) beat Worcestershire by 20 runs DERBYSHIRE

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BOWLING: Newport 10-1-36-2, Hayne

10-1-47-1, Lampitt 5-0-19-0; Brinkley 2 0-14-0; Hick 10-0-49-1; Leatherdale 9 4 0-33-4; Solanki 3-0-17-1. WORCESTERSHIRE

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Total (48,5 overs) ... FALL OF WICKETS. 1-8, 2-36, 3-78, 4-122, 5-130, 6-143, 7-143, 8-178, 9-209. BOMUNG DeFreitas 9-1-33-1, Malcoim 10-1-38-2; Harris 9.5-1-30-2; Dean 4-0-16-1; Roberts 8-0-52-2; Clarke 8-0-35-2 Gold Award. V P Clarke

Umpires: R A White and J F Steele Minor Counties v Lancashire WALSALL: Lanceshire (2pts) beat Minor

Counties by 35 runs

LANCASHIRE: 210 for 7 (N | Fairbrother 62, W K Hegg 54 not out) MINOR COUNTIES S J Dean c Hegg b Green W Larkins c Crawley b Yales ... N R Gaywood c Hegg b Austin "I Cockbein c Fairbrother b Martin . en lunch at the house er. | Common Factor of the house er. | Common Common of William | Common of Washin | P. J. Nicholson low b Austin | P. J. Nicholson low b Austin | J. C. Falcing low b A

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Editas (b 1, lb 10, w 19) Total (43.3 overs) 102, 5-133, 6-134, 7-135, 8-142, 9-172 BOWLING: Wasim Akram 8-1-35-1; Austin 10-3-33-3; Green 5-3-0-33-2, Martin 10-1-41-3, Yales 10-3-21-1 Gold Award: N H Fairbrother.

Umpres: J C Balderstone and J H Hampshire Warwickshire v Yorkshire

EDGBASTON: Yorkshire (2pts) beat Warwickshire by five wickets WARWICKSHIRE: 233 for B IN M K YORKSHIRE

Total (5 wkts, 46.3 overs) ...

B Parker, D Gough, C E W Silverwood and R D Stemp did not bat. FALL OF WICKETS 1-17, 2-134, 3-173, 4-224, 3-221 80V/LING Donald 10-3-38-0: Welch 6-0-27-0: Brown 7-3-1-40-2; Giles 10-0-49-1, Small 4-1-26-0: Smith 9-0-42-2 Gold Award M P Vaughan Umpres G | Burgess and P Willey

Durham v Leicestershire CHESTER-LE-STREET (Durham won loss) Leicestershire (2pts) beai Durham by 19 runs (D4. Method)

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Bigger is not better in Britain

then, the venue for the International Open. which starts tomorrow. Oxfordshire is a county of honeycoloured houses, of tranquil pubs, the county of that university. In the Wind in the Willows, Kenneth Grahame

"The clever men at Oxford know all that there is to be knowed But they none of them know one half as much

As intelligent Mr Toad." And yet I shall set off this morning with no more enthu-siasm than a student attending an early tutorial with a particularly bilious professor. The Oxfordshire does not welcome me as Wentworth and Sunningdale do. Send me to

Swinley Forest, to Ganton, to

Woodhall Spa and my spirits

will soar. But nothing similar

happens, sadly, when duty

requires my presence at The Oxfordshire. The course and the clubhouse seem unsympathetic to their surroundings. To come upon the club at the base of the Chilterns is as surprising as coming upon a pine tree in the

The Oxfordshire has acres of water. It has that duncoloured grass that one assocates with the seaside. It has many artificial spectator mounds, cart paths, massive bunkers. Both its clubhouse and its golf course shrick at you, grab your attention with their muscularity. I am a minimalist not a maximalist and I leel that The Oxfordshire has as much subtlety as a Tiger Woods drive.

It is a big course, well over 7,000 yards, covering a huge acreage. I am unable to warm to it for the same reason I do not like big noisy people. It is overstated. It leaps up and down in front of me saying: "Here I am, aren't I big and strong?" Much the same applies to Chart Hills, to East Sussex National, and did, once upon a time, to The Belfry.

In the matter of designing and building golf courses in JOHN HOPKINS



calls for courses that suit their surroundings

many parts of Britain, I am unconvinced that bigger is better. Why on such courses are there so many bunkers and why are so many so big? Why are inland courses built to include characteristics normally associated with seaside courses? Water is needed for

car crash".

irrigation but does it need to be brought into play on seven similar style courses, such huge expanses of water merely of the 18 holes?

Water per se is not offensive. Look at the Swilcan Burn at St Andrews, the Suez Canal at Royal St George's and the Barry Burn at Carnoustie. "Water," wrote the late Peter Dobereiner, "creates neuroses in golfers. The very thought of this harmless fluid robs them sympathetic manner in which he restores great courses that of the normal powers of rational thought, turns their legs to have become tired. jelly and produces a palsy of

the upper limbs." For this reason it is a legitimate weapon for a golf course architect in the continchallenge them. ual struggle for supremacy over the golfer. Bobby Jones said that the difference be-

tween a bunker and a water hazard is the difference between a car crash and a plane crash — you have some chance of recovering from a In Florida, where the water table is only a few feet below the surface, to move earth is to reveal water. At The Oxfordshire, however, as at other

look out of place and artificial. This is not an attack upon

the work of Rees Jones, who designed The Oxfordshire, Bob Cupp, at East Sussex National, and Robert Trent Jones, at Celtic Manor, all of whom are rightly praised. No one can match Jones for the

Rather, it is a plea that if new courses are to be built in Britain they should comple-ment their surroundings not

Why should golf courses in Britain resemble those in Florida? Is it forgotten that the challenges posed by 25 strategically placed bunkers can be as great as by 75, that some water hazards are acceptable but that water on too many holes becomes tedious and time-wasting? The Oxfordshire and its ilk sit in Britain as sympathetically as Ganton would in southern

A welcome return to arms

TELEVISION CHOICE

Sharpe: Sharpe's Revenge ITV 8.00pm

The Peninsular Wars against Napoleon may be over, but Richard Sharpe (Sean Bean) has some old scores to settle and settle them he does — losing one wife and gaining another along the way. This new series will bring the Bernard Cornwell stories to a close — climaxing with the Battle of Waterloo.

Meanwhile, our galloping major has been tramed by his long-time enemy, the Prench spy Ducos, and stands accused of stealing Napoleon's treasures. He is court martiallied, makes a break for it and tracks the missing treasure (and Ducos) as far as Naples. There are only so many variations on the theme of armies in fancy dress surging up hill and down dale shouting "a a reh" and falling over, but this is still smashing stuff — nothing quite like it outside the movies.

Home Front BBC2 8.30pm

Trying to sell your pad — or at least impress new visitors? Then rethink your front hall. Ann Maurice, the American design expert, breezes around one rather dirgy hall that ends up looking twice as bright and wide with a diagonally patterned floor and dozens of mirrors. "And you English — why do you keep your trash outside your house?", quick as a flash, Ms Maurice lines up sparkling new aluminium dustbins, filling some of them with flowering plants. . Just warch the dustmen cart that lot away! But perhaps the most useful advice tonight is how to make the most of your space when you live and work at home. Anne McKevitt, a designer, hauls one harried computer expert (a working mother) out of her clutter of boxes and files and redesigns her life and space — very cheaply — in just one day.

Heroes of Comedy: The Goons Channel 49.00pm

Bismarck in a Cardigan

"I became obsessed with them," recalls John Cleese of the chattering surrealists that Spike Milligan calls "a loose assembly of hungry young comics". For nine years, from 1951, Neddy Seagoon, Bluebottle, Eccles, Min and the rest — alias Milligan, Harry Secombe, Peter Sellers and, for a time. Michael Bentine - were the most talked



Sean Bean as Sharpe (ITV, 8.00pm)

about, most listened to comedy on radio. Their imitators were legion - Prince Charles sank deep into his own Goon inspired fantasics and writer/producer John Fisher has unearthed a most extraordinary film of him being Bluebottle. Fisher has also drawn upon brilliant comedians past and nas also drawn upon orimant comedians past and present who are unstinting in their praise and affection. Says Denis Norden: "It is comedy they should teach in schools." Spike, who wrote virtually all the Goon Shows ("it nearly killed me"), also supplies drawings of the characters, many animated to match their voices.

Nature Special: Another Silent Spring? BBC2 9.00pm

Yesterday saw the publication of an alarming report commissioned by the DoE. It highlights the plight of song birds — for example, the number of song thrushes is down by 73 per cent, skylarks by 58 per cent — and points to agricultural practices and the use of pesticides as the principal reasons for the demise of much of Great Britain's wildlife. It can be argued that the agro-chemical industries are producing cheaper, more plentiful food for the nation, but is there not some way we can still enjoy these benefits and conserve our cherished land-scapes and wildlife? Gavin Hewitt, a journalist, investigates the facts behind the report and asks agricultural experts how we can avert (or can we?)
the tragic prospect of a countryside bereft of the
natural sounds of spring.

Elizabeth Cowley

SNOOKER: IRISHMAN ENJOYS POPULAR ACCLAIM AFTER CHAMPIONSHIP DEFEAT OF HENDRY

Doherty proves good guys can win

By PHIL YATES

MARY ROBINSON, the President of the Irish Republic. may not be a snooker aficionado, but she echoed the sentiments of the vast majority who by describing Ken Doherty as "a fine ambassador" after his triumph at the Embassy world championship. She was referring specifically to the role Doherty will undertake for his country, but the easy-going, personable Dubliner, who defied antenost odds of 25-1 to lift the nv. is sure to be of equal benefit for the game itself.

Doherty, 27, is a cleanliving, dedicated but far from one-dimensional individual. He is a keen golfer with a passion, like so many of his countrymen, for Manchester United. He will, therefore,

RESULT

DETAILS: N Doheny fire; bt S Hendry (Soct) (3-12, Frame scores; (Doheny first) 67-7; 5-117; 0-106, 77-12, 78-9; 75-51; 63-11; 0-122; 12-76, 89-32; 62-55, 57-43, 63-13; 85-50, 47-74, 60-38; 23-70, 71-24; 110; 36-0, 63-16, 93-46, 0-137, 71-275, 70-61, 0-114; 57-61, 32-23; 69-19, 71-49

take enormous pride in showing the spoils of victory to the Old Trafford faithful before United's closing FA Carling Premiership match of the season against West Ham United on Sunday.

The scar on Doherty's left cheek hints at a chequered with, but that could not be farther from the truth. In fact. the injury was sustained when, as a child, Doherty fell off a roof on to the rim of an oil drum.

Doherty captured the first of his two Irish amateur titles at 16, won the world junior championship in leeland in June 1989 and, five months later, travelled to Singapore. where he became the first Irish winner of the world amateur championship. Although Doherty did not

THE Rugby Football League

has put the appointment of a

new Great Britain coach on

hold. Joe Lydon, the former

Wigan and Great Britain

centre, who has been given the

task of drawing up a shortlist.

wants to see the candidates at

work during the world club

championship before making

Super League coaches will

make an immediate impact as a professional, he eventually enjoyed a significant breakthrough by prevailing at the 1993 Regal Welsh Open and also won the Scottish Masters. a prominent invitation event. in 1993 and 1994. Last season, he won the Dr Martens European League.

Doherty is undoubtedly an unexpected champion, but, by beating Stephen Hendry. he did not cause an upset equal to that of Joe Johnson's victory over Steve Davis in the 1987 final. After all, Doherty is one of only ten players to compile over 100 century breaks in competition, and, assisted by the £210,000 first prize, he has climbed to ninth in the all-time money-list, with total tournament earnings of £1.152,470.

With not an enemy on the circuit and with such an unassuming disposition, Doherty cannot fail to be a popular champion. The next question is whether he will be a successful one.

"I am certainly not going to rest on my laurels." Doherty said vesterday in the wake of his 18-12 victory over Hendry at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield. "This result is certain to give me a lot of confidence and make me believe in myself. Mind you, it also means that my opponents will want to beat me more from now on. That comes with the territory.

Doherty has risen to a career-high No 3 in the world rankings for the 1997-98 season and is sufficiently levelheaded and conscientious to be a regular tournament winner, but whether he can seriously threaten Hendry's world No I status is doubtful. At 28, Hendry remains at the height of his powers. It is a measure of his talent that, despite patently suffering from the cumulative effects of mental fatigue during the final, he

RUGBY LEAGUE

Lydon to assess candidates

their Australasian counter-

parts when St Helens kick off

the inaugural global tourna-

ment against the Auckland

Warriors at Knowsley Road

Lydon, who was appointed

as the game's first technical

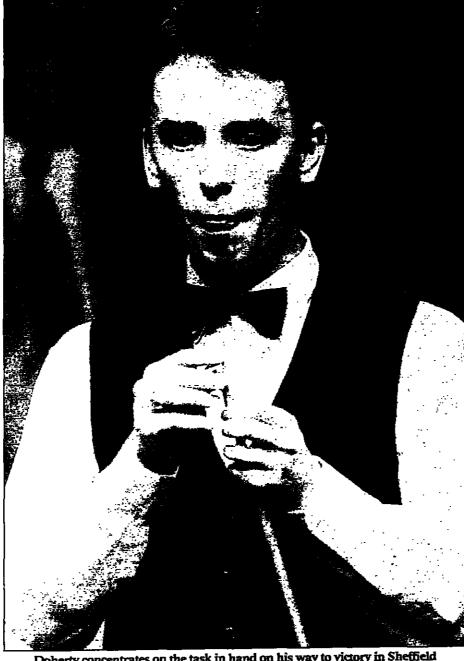
director two months ago, said:

"I envisage coming up with

something towards the end of

on June 6.

begin to pit their skills against July, with an appointment



Doherty concentrates on the task in hand on his way to victory in Sheffield

still built five century breaks. Hendry was the victim of his own consistency. Since losing to Matthew Stevens in the first round of the Grand Prix last October, he has been involved in the quarter-finals or better of 12 consecutive events and, as a consequence, he begins next season with a larger lead over his closest pursuer. John Higgins, in the rankings than at the corresponding stage last year, when he won the champ-

ionship. "I think Stephen is capable of capturing ten world titles." Doherty said. He is now well qualified to make such predictions

perhaps in early August." Tommy Martyn, of St Hel-

ens, has been cleared of mak-

ing a dangerous tackle on Abi

Ekoku, of Bradford, during the Silk Cut Challenge Cup

final. Martyn, who scored two

tries in the final, will be

available for the Super

League match against

Bradford at Odsal on Sunday.

WORD WATCHING

Answers from page 44

HOUNGAN (c) A priest of the Voodoo cult. The native name in Haiti. Graham Greene, Comedians, 1966: "A zombie who has left his grave at the command of an houngan." KITAB

(c) The Koran. Also a sacred book of certain other revealed religious, eg. the Bible. From the Arabic for writing, a book. "Koran, the Holy Book of Islam, frequently spoken of by Moslems simply as the Book (al-klibb)." NANDI

(c) In Hindu mythology, the name of the bull of Siva which is his value or vehicle, and symbolizes fertility. Also a figure or statue of Nandi. "The majestic Nandi, the conventional vehicle of the lord Siva in front of the sanctum in the forecourt." NOZZER

(c) A new recruit, a novice sailor. Perhaps a colloquial representation of "No. Sir". But, "Notzer, new entry boy at the training establishment, HMS Ganges. These boys have been called nozzers since the establishment opened, because the petry officer in charge was nicknamed 'Nosey."

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RADIO CHOICE

Radio 4, 7.20pm What Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, has to do with Bismarck is something that political historians should have no difficulty in establishing, but why the cardigan? David Sells's portrait of Kohl begins on a flesh-and-blood, or rather a woollen, note. There is a museum in Borm which displays what Sells calls the Chancellor's "no recessore down to carth and importances thrifted." nonsense, down-to-earth, and unpompous" knitted jacket — adjectives which, apparently, accurately sum up Kohl's nature. This documentary contains another reference to the non-political side of the man. He takes visiting statesmen and women to his favourite club and invites them to join him in a plate of stuffed pigs' stomach. Mrs Thatcher was not attracted to it, and, showed it.

RADIO 1

7.00ath Mark Raddiffe includes 7.30 Newsbeat 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 to Whiley 2.00pm Nicky Campbell 4.00 KeVin Greening 6.15 Newsbeat 6.30 Evening Session 8.30 Global Lipdate 8.40 John Peel 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 1.00ath Ca Saurgess 4.00 Cave Warren RADIO 2

6.00am Serah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debble Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Nick Benradough 8.00 Falkon Two 9.00 Fairport Convention — the First 30 Years 9.300°. Speaking Volumes 10.00 Jazebal 10.30 Richard Alinson, 12.05am Steve Madden 3.00 Alex Lester

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TALK RADIO

5.00am Chris Ashley and Sendy Warr 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00' Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorreine Kelly 2.00pm. Tommy Boyd 4.60 Peter Deeley 7.00 Moz Dee's Sportszone 10.00 James Whele 1.00am Ian Collins

Even without the added complication of mixed Even without the added complication of mixed blood, the process of adoption can be a positive minefield. Every forward step is dramatically chronicled in this story of Sally, the offspring of an African father and Indian mother, and herself the adopted daughter of a white couple. She commits to her audio diary the difficult stages of her adoption of a baby whose mother is a white Briton and whose father is Jamaican. You might have pathered from all this that it is not that easy to get gathered from all this that it is not that easy to get your bearings tonight, especially as there is yet another piece of the jigsaw puzzle — lostering — that must be slotted in by Sally and her resourceful producer, Lynne McCadden, before they complete

WORLD SERVICE

All times to BET, News on the hour. 8.00mm. Newsday 6.30 Europe Today 7.30 World Foday 7.45 Sports International 8.15 Oil the Shieff 8.30 Mortdies Live 9.16 Pause for Thought 9.15 Concert Hell 10.5 Sustness 10.15 Ferming World 10.30 BEC English 10:46 Sport 11.30 One Planet 12.30pm-Sports International 1.00 News in German 1.05 Sustness 1.15 Britain 10:68 y 1.30 Sisterior 10:68 1.48 Sport 2.00 Newshaur 3.05 Outcock 3.30 Magapath 4.05 Sport 4.16 Performance 4.30 News in German 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 Business 5.45 Britain Today 6.15 World Today 6.30 News in German 6.45 Sport 7.30 The World's 9.61 Outcock 8.25 Pause for Thought Britain Today 6. 15 Wood of Today 6.20 News in Carman 6.45 Sport 7.30 The Whitish 8.61 Outlook 8.25 Pause for Thought 8.30 Multimatic X-Press 8.00 Newshour 10.05 Business 10.15 Britain Today 10.30 On Spress 11.30 World Today 11.45 Sport 412.05em. Orthook 12.30 Meticain Coday 2.30 Omnibus 3.30 Metician Books 4.05 Business 4.15 Sport 4.30 Europe Today

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VIRGIN RADIO 6.30am Russ 'n' Jono 10.00 Graham Dene 1:00pm Jereny Clark 4.00 Nicky Home 6.00 Paul Coyle (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Merk Forrest 2.00am Randal Lee Rose

5.15 In Tune, with Geraint Lewis, After 7.00 Peter

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor, Includes
Brehms (Four Songs, Op 17); Vaughan Williams
(Symphony No 5); Handel (Concerto in B flat a
due cori, HWV 332)

9.00 Morning Collection, with Penny Gore, Includes
Dohnaryi (Variations on a Nursery Theme); Mozart
(Metaternusik, K477); Berwald (Symphony No 2,
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(Messe des Pecheurs de Villenville); Mozart (Trio in E flat, K498)

12.00 Composer of the Weelc Sibellus

1.00pm Birmingham Lunchtime Concert. Toby

Spence, teror, and Roger Vignoles, piano,
Schubert (Der Goldschmiedsgesell, D560;
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Liebe, D138; Erster Verlust, D228; Erftönig, D328);
Strauss (Five Lleder, Op 69); Britten (Seven
Sonnets of Michelangelo, Op 22)

2.00 Michelangelo, Op 22)

2.00 Michelangelo, Sumplony No 48 in C1

Alum): Haych (Symphony No 48 in C)
4.00 Choral Evensorig: Live from the Chapel of King's Colege, Cambridge
5.00 Music Machine, with Verity Sharp

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 5.00 News Briefing
6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30
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escape? (3/5)

Should be survive on crumbs of kindness or escape? (3/6)

10.00 Daily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW) 10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jern's Murray 11.30 Gardeners' Question Time (f) 12.00 News; You and Yours, with Lesley Rictioch 12.25pm The Oldest Member. Maurice Denham stars as the doyen of Prior's Heath Golf Citib in stories by P.G. Wodehouse 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke 1.40 The Archers (f) 1.55 Shipping Forecast 1.40 The Archers (f) 1.55 Shipping Forecast 1.40 The Archers (f) 1.56 Shipping Forecast 1.40 The Archers (

5.15 in Turie, with Gersint Lewis, After 7.00 Peter Florence, director of the Hay Festival, tooks forward to the event's tenth birthday 7.30 Sibelius Experience. Includes Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No 1 with soldst Nikotei Demidenko and Sibelius's Third and Fourth Symptonies 9.10 Folia and Fantasy. Heinz Holdige: oboe. Christiene Jacoottei, harpsicherd, Marin Mereis (La Folia, Lee Folies of Esperaris; Felemann (Perkey No 8 in Entirective Oboe Solo) (f) 9.35 Entravagent Strangent, it in there of the svepet series, Carylinalings talks to William Boyd, born and brought up air West Africa.

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Park in Surrey presented by Paul Hawkins and Clare Bradley (T) (8118769)

up a job in a 1930s Georgia household and turns the place upside down Directed by Martha Coolidge (1369945) chat (5024620)

11.40 Tibs and Fibs Comedy medical quiz presented by Tony Slattery with guests Margi Clarke and Craig Charles

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League (92326507) 4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (4366021) 5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (2614205)

A story of prejudice, prying and prurience

A (Channel 4) wasn't half bad decent script, quality cast maie bums on seats. So, no probproblem was with The Investigator as a true story.

I mean, if you were a lesbian soldier would you really want to spend much of your 12-year career with the Royal Military Police tracking down other lesbians and chucking them out of the Army? Wouldn't you go out and find another game of soldiers sharpish? Or do you think, hang on, I might get a film script out of this, I'll just sign up for another couple of years? Anyway, for one unlikely reason or another Caroline Meagher stayed put.

Meagher was played by the distinctly unmilitary Helen Baxen-

surely not go unrewarded. Baxendale, for anybody who has and one or two moments of lesbian been asleep for the past couple of sex, the latter at least guaranteeing years, is not only one of the most talented actresses around, she's lems there. Where there was a also one of the seciest in that itshouldn't-work-but-it-does sort of way. Stick her in a film with a posthockey shower scene and a lesbian initiation straight out of a David Hamilton skin-flick (I knew I'd heard the music somewhere before) and basically, you make an

awful lot of men very happy.

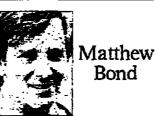
The producers could argue that casting Baxendale (and a bevy of attractive actresses to play her girlfriends) actually echoed an important theme in the drama: obsessive male interest in what gay women get up to in private. When Meagher and her male colleagues tracked down one lesbian, Meagher was appalled (privately dale, which, when they draw up of course, she had a career to think the nominations for most cynical of) that the interrogation didn't

stop with an admission of guilt. Her salivating colleagues wanted details and lots of them.

But if the casting pandered to male fantasy, Barbara Machin's well balanced script did not, eleverly addressing both Meagher's story and the wider issues. Sure, it made the Ministry of Defence's attitude to homosexuality look obsessive and vindictive, but it also pointed out that at least the Army's officially sanctioned prejudice was honest, unlike that encountered in other walks of life.

nly in the last 20 minutes did proceedings drag a little. By this stage, short of wearing a large sign saying "lesbi-an", it is difficult to know what Meagher could have done to make her orientation more conspicuous. In the end — and this would be a bit of a give-away — she ran her fingers through the blonde locks of Major Lang while dancing with admire his front. That's partly

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her in the mess. Her flatmate (perhaps significantly, just about the only plain woman we saw all night) duly shopped her.

When it comes to shopping people, however, nobody does it better than Roger Cook who returned with a new series of The Cook Report (ITV). Whether you like or loathe this self-appointed television crusader, you have to because he is now so big you can't see round to the sides, but also because he has the nerve of a belligerent bull elephant.

"There something you should know," he said, calmly enjoying a light snack with two Spaniards who had just arranged for him to go on a gorilla hunt in exchange for umpteen thousand dollars: "I'm a television reporter . . . " After a few nonplussed shrugs and a brief exchange in Spanish ("Who eez theez Roger Hook?""Never end of im") they departed in traditional style, pursued by a wobbly video camera. On this occasion, however, it seemed that the game hunters might actually have the last laugh. Cook, you see, had turned his dossier of wrong-doings over to that well-known bastion of animal rights, the Spanish authorities. They will be hearing from them soon," he said with utter confidence. Probably to organise a gorilla fight. Olé.

game hunting seemed on more certain and shocking ground in South Africa, where he exposed the cruelty of "canned hunts", which involve big cats such as lions and even imported tigers being shot -not in the wild but in fenced enclosures of a couple of hundred acres. "It's like shooting lish in a barrel," explained one former em-

ployee, appalled by discovering

what the lions were reared for.

But the owners of these camps also lure wild lions from the Kruger National Park into their enclosures. And it was just as he had one of these in his sights that Cook - posing very convincingly as a rich, untit and incompetent trophy-hunter — pulled off one of his greatest Roger Cook moments. As his armed guide whispered advice, Cook suddenly opted for full volume: "Let me tell you why I'm not going to

Englishman who helps a countess

12.00 House to House An assessment of the

1.30 Waterways (2/6) Dick Warner continues

the border with the North (69787)

2.00 Racing from Chester Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the 2.10, 2.40, 3.10 (Tote Chester Cup) and 3.40

4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (674) 4.30

7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (741281)

his voyage along Ireland's inland waterways and heads for Co Cavan, on

Countdown (T) (858) **5.00** Ricki Lake (T) (4587) **5.30** Pet Rescue (T) (910)

foretable staying with the Salinger's (T) (178991)

Senior, Jamaican poet, journalist and

short-story writer talks about the effects of

again; and Cassie is roped-in to do some

behind the scenes of The Late Show with

David Letterman and interviews Mick

Jackson, the British director of Volcano.

last week's general election (586129)

8.00 Brookside Tinhead outwits Sinbac

8.30 Planet Showbiz Mark Lamarr goes

industrial espionage (T) (5741)

6.00 Party of Five Grace grows uncom-

7.50 Book Choice Special: A Festival of Commonwealth Literature Olive

general election results (72484)

Jacques Feyder (81674)

12.30pm Light Lunch (95552)

races (7571)

6.50 Fresh Pop (273378)

escape from Russia in 1917. Directed by

stand a chance. I'm a television reporter ... "You know the rest: rows, road-blocks and a dossier handed to the South African High Commission in London They promised to do something about it. Nobody, 1 suspect, will do

anything about Touching Evil (ITV), the first story of which concluded last night. No matter that the plot made only the barest sense. No matter that some of the legal manoeuvrings were complete nonsense (Kessler are worth billions — if Hinks goes down their name goes with it?). No matter that Cyril, the overweight psychic, turned out to be surplus baggage after a few minutes of X Filesesque subplot.

For, despite all these deficiencies and a weak cop-out of an ending. Touching Evil worked very well, another triumph of style and Robson Green over substance. Bit depressing, really.

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8.30 Wideworld: The Shrinking Earth How

9.00 Espresso (2666668) 10.00 Exclusive (r)

11.00 Leeza (9375552) 11.50 Double Espresso

1.00 5 News Update (49027842) 1.05 Sunset

3.30 The Summer My Father Grew Up

(1990) with John Rifter and Joe Spano. A drama about a divorced father who

son he lett years before. Directed by

5.20 5's Company: Late Extra (35565465)

5.30 100 Per Cent Game show (9544945)

6.30 Family Affairs Samantha and William

7.00 Exclusive Showbiz gossip (8918561)

of the Canadian bay (9458194)

7.30 Wild States: Bay of Funday The wildlife

break the news of their daughter's disappearance to Chris and Annie, which

immediately sends Duncan into a panic

Family Alfairs (r) (T) (4701823)

(7200194)

6.00 Whittle (T) (9541858)

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global business first moved into Singapore (8791216)

(7236281) 10.30 Fame and Fortune Princess Shahnaz Husain (r) (8608552)

(34676842) 12.00 The Bold and the

Beautiful Soap set in the Los Angeles fashion world (T) (8699804) 12.30pm

Beach (1) (3788465) 2.00 5's Company

6.00 am 5 News Early (8097303)

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9.45 Kiltroy (7057281) 10.30 Cen't Cook, Won't Cook (85194) 11.00 News (T) (7808026) 11.05 The Great Escape (7265026) 11.35 Change That (7397200)

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1.00 News (T) and weather (23281) 1.30 Regional News (86921216) 1.40 The Weather Show (99190303) 1.45 Neighbours (T) (40010945) . 2.10 Quincy (6786007)

2.55 Through the Keyhole (6445200)

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(T) (6527129) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (772858) _ 6.00 News (T) and weather (113) 6.30 Regional News (465) /

7.00 Antiques Roadshow Hugh Scully presents highlights from past shows, this week focusing on a Louis Wain painting unearthed in Guildford in 1989 (T) (8113) 7.30 Tomorrow's World A revolutionary brain

surgery procedure in which patients' bodies are crametically cooled down before operations (T) (649) 8.00 The National Lottery Live (T) (181378) 8.10 Ballykissangel Assumpts generously offers to help Father Clifford prepare for his driving test (r) (1) (525200)

9.00 News (T) and weather (5620) 9.30 Men Behaving Badly Gary's jealousy prompts him to make life as difficult as possible for Dorothy and her new love, Jamie. Tony is forced to make a

monumental choice (r) (T) (96552) 10.00 They Think It's All Over Comedian Jeff Green and Olympic heptathlete Denise Lewis Join Gary Lineker, David Gower, Lee Hurst and Rory McGrath for the comedy sports quiz, hosted by Nick Hancock (1) (333303)

10.35 Trading Places (1983) Two billionairs brothers arrange for young high-flying employee Dan Aykroyd to switch places with lowlife street hustler Eddie Murphy to test whether heredity or upbringing determines character. Also with Raiph Bellamy, Don Ameche and Jamie Lee Curtis. Directed by John Landis

(53557587) 12.25am Keeping Track (1985) with Margot Kidder and Michael Sanazin. A female bank executive and a worksholic television journalist witness a bizarre robbery, which involves them in a deadly game of cat-and-mouse with a garig of assassins, the government and the KGB. Directed by Robin Spry (118885)

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6.45 Space Precinct (T) (676858) 7.30 Black Britain Investigating how South Africa's vineyards are run in the

aftermeth of apartheid (T) (991) 8.00 University Challenge Harris Manchester College, Oxford, v Charing Cross Hospital Medical School (T) (8303)



Mark Hughes at work (8.30pm)

Home Front Creating the perfect working environment at home. Restoring the inglencok fireplace at Mill Cottage (1) (4910)

Another Silent Spring? The (906587)

9.45 War Crimes on Trial A report on the first International war crime trials since Nuremberg, which draws to a close today 10:30 Newsnight (T) (947200)

11.15 Bookmark (352007) 11.45 This Could Be Me (351378) 12.15am Animated 2 (9586717)

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(49243) 1.30 Biosphere 2 (T) (55392)
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Heritage (78929) 4.30 Unicel in the
Classroom (37408) 5.00 Basic Skills (99750) 5.30 Voluntary Matters (99175)

6.00am GMTV (4984674) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (6710552) 9.55 Regional News (1) (3218587) 10,00 The Time, the Place (80200) 10.30 This Morning (T) (62137858) 12.20pm Regional News (T) (8424281) 12.30 News (T) and weather (9500200)

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5.10 Bagdad Cafe (r) (7163113) 5.40 News (T) and weather (842736) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (686533) 6.25 HTV Weather (595842) 6.30 The West Tonight (1) (533)

7.00 Emmerdale Bill meets his father for the



Lawson and Hobley (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street Jim McDonald (Charles Lawson) has his first date since splitting up with Ltz with Samantha Failsworth (Tina Hobley) (T) (945) 9.00 Bewitched (52620)

8.00 Sharpe: Sharpe's Revenge Drama series about the maverick British officer in the Napoleonic Wars. With Sean Bean (T) Followed by Lottery Result (1910)

10,00 News (T) and weather (75571) 10.30 Regional News (T) (418858)

10.40 The West Story: The Cube Connection Following six idealist adventurers as they attempt to sail aim to build a cargo sailing boat and sail to the Caribbean and break the American blockage of Cuba by delivering shipment of medical aid (592129) 12.35am Collins and Maconie's Movie Club

1.05 Real Stories of the Highway Patrol (9936330)

1.35 Nightmare (1991) with Victoria Principal, Paul Sorvino and Jonathan Banks. Melowho moves to the country for a peaceful life with her daughter, only to have he security shattered when the girl is kidnapped. Directed by John Pasquin (2370B)

3.35 Not Fade Away (r) (7090595) 4.30 The Time, the Place (r) (24934) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (93576) 5.30 News (86601)

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11.45 Swift Justice (976587)

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Injury fears recede

Ravanelli targets Wembley return

BY DAVID MADDOCK

TWENTY-FOUR hours after being taken from the pitch at Old Trafford on a stretcher, his face contorted with the agony of injury and the apparplaying in the FA Cup Final, Fabrizio Ravanelli bounded into the Riverside Stadium yesterday to announce that he may, after all, make an appearance at Wembley.

Even given his propensity for the dramatic, it is an astonishing turn-around, but after a scan at a Darlington hospital in the morning, the Middlesbrough centre forward learnt that what was feared to be a hamstring tear was, in fact, a far less serious

Ravanelli said that he has no hope of playing in his side's two remaining FA Carling Premiership matches, which will decide the immediate fate of the club that he has persistently hinted he would like to leave, but the Cup Final, against Chelsea on May 17, is a different matter.

"I feel quite good and that is a great relief after the pain and worry of Monday," the Italian said. "I've got no chance of playing in the remaining two league matches, but I am now hopeful of making the Cup

"I would rate my chances at 50-50. It was a great worry for me, but I am walking quite well today and I really am feeling a lot better about my chances of playing at Wembley. At least there is hope for me, and I feel good about

Bryan Robson, the Middles brough manager, was also optimistic as he confirmed

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near as extensive as was first thought. There was heavy swelling, he said, but the hamstring was not as badly damaged as the first bulletins

Fabrizio has a problem with the hamstring still, and so he remains a doubt," Robson said, "but the prospects are a lot brighter 24 hours on. The scan shows that there is no tear, which is what we feared when he was first injured. That is an improvement from Monday, and now there is real hope he will play."

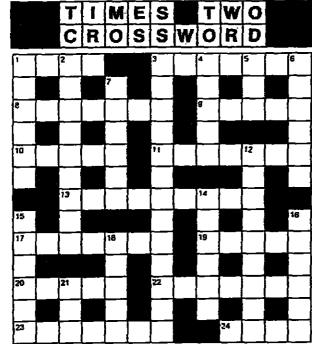
Everton have ruled out the prospect of signing Jürgen Klinsmann as player coach, but say there is still interest in securing his services as a player only.

A senior club official said that there had never been any intention of offering the manager's job to the Germany striker, merely confusion when Everton approached him to inquire whether he would be interested in joining the playing staff.

Klinsmann is also consider-ing approaches from AC Milan, Torino and Real Madrid. who are all, apparently, ready to meet his demand for £50,000 per week in wages. Everton, understandably, are not confident of winning that particular battle.

There is, though, still a slight hope that Bobby Robson, the Barcelona coach, will become the manager at Goodison Park next season.

The former England coach began talks with Josep Lluis Núñez, the Barcelona president, last night, in an attempt to clarify his position. Robson is expected to have a clearer picture today of his prospects.



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Hats off to Panama City in Vase thriller



John Reid produces Panama City, left, with a dramatic late run to snatch the spoils from Ivan Luis, hidden by the winner, and State Fair, nearside, in the Chester Vase yesterday. The popular three-day meeting on the Roodeye got under way amid unseasonal snow flurries. Photograph: Hugh Routledge. Report, page 43

Report proposes overhaul of the Football League

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

STAND by, the revolution is about to begin. An independent report that was pubyesterday proposes radical changes to take the Football League, perhaps kicking and screaming, into the next millennium. It warned that if its recommendations were rejected, many of the league's 72 clubs would disappear.

The 142-page consultation document, which cost about EI00,000 and took four months to produce, was presented in London by Deloitte & Touche, the management consultancy firm. Its proposals will be discussed at a specially convened meeting of league chairmen tomorrow but will not be voted on until the annual meeting next month. Even then, implementation is unlikely until the start

of the 1998-99 season. Gerry Boon, of Deloitte & Touche, delivered a grim message. "You must decide what you want to be." he said. There is no standstill option. you are withering on the vine. You either go forward or options. If you want to secure

a future, rather than defend the past, you have to consider this report.

Boon criticised the league's administrative structure, with its headquarters in Lytham St Annes, Lancashire, and labyrinth of committees. The league is a big business and needs to act like one." he said. "It has a service to provide to clubs and should not undermine them. It must be market led and not administration

"Communication is poor with clubs and within the clubs. Revenue generation has to be the primary concern of the league, it needs a proper business plan. The old management style has to go."

The key point of the report. and its most controversial, is the amalgamation of the 24aub third division with the 22strong Vauxhall Conference, which would then be split into two sections, north and south. Promotion to the second division could be increased to four or five clubs, including those from the play-offs, and one club from each section would be demoted into a reformed

this." John Moules, the secre-

Conference.

"We feel very positive about

tary of the Conference, said yesterday. "It's something we've been working towards for ten years. We're delighted that we now have a competition worthy of being included in the league structure."

Other proposals include the reorganisation of the Coca-Cola Cup, with sides from the FA Carling Premiership and first division not entering the competition until the third round. An additional early round, played over two legs, would be needed to accommodate the increased league membership. Later ties would be decided on the night, with-

The report also urges that

THIRD DIVISION

HOW IT COULD LOOK: North: Gateshead. Hulla: Town. Maconsfield Town. Showcoury Town. Nearonsfard Town, Hore Ford United. Rotherian United. Chester City. Addennancer Human. Liek Town. Lincoln Cay. Marsshoft Town. Moreombe. Northeach Victoria. Scuthoripe United. Scuthorouth's Southpoint, Staybridgo Cellus. Hull Cay. Telford United. Rochalder, Hartepool United. Derrington, Dronaster Rovers.

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base to London and appoint an independent chairman, a chief executive and commercial director. "At the moment before television money and transfer activity is taken into. account, league clubs run a combined annual deficit of

£45.6 million," Boon said. "Income is reducing but costs are rising all the time, with league wages having increased by 64 per cent over the past four seasons. There are 20 clubs who, if the Inland Revenue wanted to, could be closed down. The vast majority are trading at a loss."

Though many of the recommendations are likely to receive a lukewarm response from the traditionalists, David Sheepshanks, the league chairman, who commissioned the report, is adamant that it represents the only way

The fact remains that 58 of the 72 clubs are showing net operating losses, before transfers, for last year," he said. "Operating costs have out-stripped income. I hope we can aspire to a new dynamic age, in which we can create a climate for individual clubs to

defender was in the AS Mona-

co side beaten by the Italians

in the semi-finals. Instead, he

is completing his move to

Sheffield Wednesday, which,

after a medical today, should

see his services secured for a

Fred Davies, at 57 the

league's oldest manager, is

out of a job after being

dismissed yesterday by Shrewsbury Town, who have

been relegated to the third

division of the Nationwide

League. In contrast, Gordon

Struchan has been told by

Bryan Richardson, the Cov-

entry City chairman, that he

will not be sacked, even if

Coventry are relegated from

the FA Carling Premiership

next weekend. Mick Jones

has been given a two-year

contract by Plymouth Argyle,

where he had been caretaker-

manager since the departure

of Neil Warnock in February.

pool, has been charged with

Robbie Fowler, of Liver-

fee of ELS million.

Gascoigne runs out of time for England

ANY faint prospect of Paul Gascoigne returning to the England squad for the World Cup qualifying match in Poland on May 31 seems to have disappeared. Although he is now back in action, following an injury to his ankle suffered in January, the midfield player has only been used as a substitute by Rangers in their

past two matches. Walter Smith, the Rangers manager, said Gascoigne was suffering from a thigh strain that prevented him from lasting a full game. With Rang-

ers' final game of the season,

against Heart of Midlothian taking place on Saturday, he now has no means of demonstrating his fitness to Glenn Hoddle, the England manager, before May 31.

Rangers travel to Dundee United this evening still looking for the point that will officially confirm them as champions for the ninth season in succession.

Given their six-point lead over Celtic and a goal difference that is superior by ten. Rangers are in little danger, but they will be eager to complete the formalities.

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Schalke seek revival in fortunes

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

GELSENKIRCHEN has had little to cheer about in recent years. It is a dour city, deep in the heart of Germany's industrial Ruhr, where rising unemployment has deepened the contrast between its bluecollar gloom and the brighter lights of Munich. Hamburg. Berlin and the rest. Even its football team has failed to lighten the atmosphere.

Until tonight, that is, for Gelsenkirchen will raise the roof at the Parkstadion when Schalke 04 run out for the first leg of the Uefa Cup final against Internazionale. That inter represent affluent, fashionable Milan will increase

the volume even more. Indeed, the teams fill their allotted roles almost perfectly. Inter are cosmopolitan, expensively assembled and even if Youri Djorkaeff, Jocelyn Angloma and, to his immense frustration, Paul Ince are suspended for the first leg, they can still call on Ivan Zamorano, of Chile. Aron Winter of Holland Javier Zanetti, of Argentina, Ciriaco Sforza, of Switzerland, and a posse of Italy internationals.

Olaf Thon used to play for Germany, but no longer does, and while Johan de Kock is an occasional Holland international and Marc Wilmots plays for Belgium, neither they nor the Czechs, Jiri Nemec or Radoslav Latal, are exactly household names.

For Roy Hoogson, the inter coach, shortly to be Blackconfidence may be his team's

will be a tough game." he said. "Only a fool underestimates his opponent." Clearly, he is paying no attention to Schalke's recent run of eight league games without a win. Patrick Blondeau could be forgiven for thinking "there, but for the grace of God ...

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when inter attempt to reclaim the trophy they won in 1991

Ince must sit on sidelines for Internazionale tonight

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